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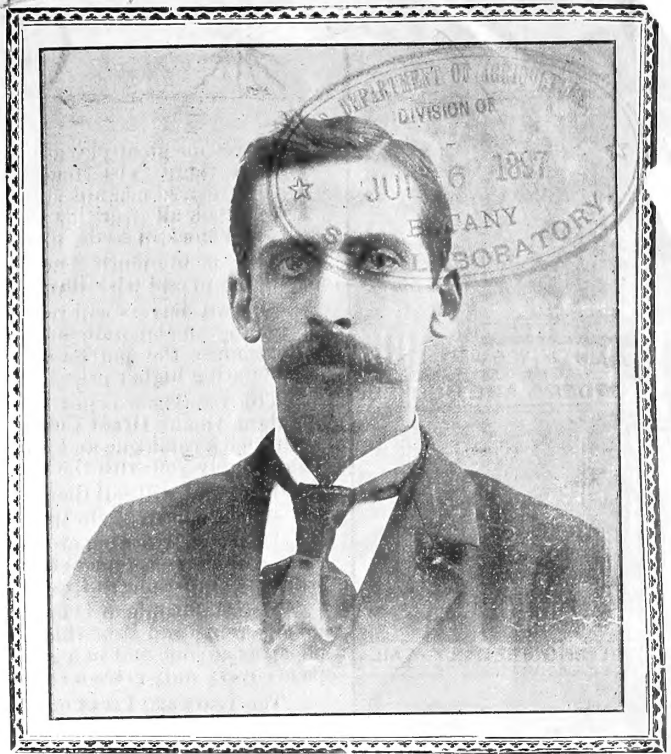
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# F. B. MILLS'—1897 CATALOGUE OF BARGAINS.

SEEDS, BULBS, PLANTS  
—AND—  
SEED POTATOES.

F. B. MILLS, Seedsman.  
ROSE HILL, - Onondaga County, - New York.



## 13 GREAT COLLECTIONS, EACH ONE YOU CAN HAVE FOR 25 CTS. I OFFER 13

of the GREATEST BARGAINS you can find in America. These offers are made to introduce my Seeds, Bulbs and Plants into thousands of new homes. They are all nicely put up, any one of which will be sent by mail postpaid to any address for only 25 cents.

Col. No. 1.—\$500 OFFERED FOR A 3 lb. TOMATO.

The engraving shows the most wonderful tomato ever offered which was grown by W. M. Finley, Salem, Ill., who writes: "They grew over 7 ft. high and I began to pick ripe tomatoes June 24, and had abundance all summer, was two weeks earlier than any other variety I ever had and of the best quality. I had eleven plants and each one produced from 1 to 2 bushels of nice fruit, not a poor one the whole season, and Oct. 15th was still loaded with ripe and green fruit." This Giant Everbearing Tomato is entirely new and a wonder to all and after you once grow it you will have no others. See what Mr. Finley did with it. You can do the same. I own all the seed there is and will pay \$500 for one of them weighing 3 lbs. Plant some of the seed for you may get the 3 lb. tomato. Full instructions with seed.

**First In The Market Cabbage**—Is the earliest variety in the world and you can have heads several weeks before your neighbors.

**Giant Flat Dutch Cabbage**—Is the largest of all. Is all head and always sure to head, often weighing 30 to 50 lbs. Good keeper and pleases all.

**Japanese Climbing Cucumber**—A wonderful variety from Japan, will climb a trellis, wire netting or any support 5 to 8 ft. Fruits early; long, tender, excellent for pickling. Pleases all, wonderful curiosity.

**Golden Globe Onion**—Is a splendid variety, early, round, good quality and a splendid keeper.

**Early Snowball Turnip**—Is the earliest variety in cultivation, easy grown, good size and white as snow.

I will send a packet each of the above 6 varieties to any address for only 25 cents postpaid.

Col. No. 2.—12 Packets Vegetable Seeds, 12 kinds, no two alike, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 3.—20 Packets Flower Seeds, 20 kinds, no two alike, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 4.—15 Packets Sweet Peas, all different kinds, splendid colors, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 5.—10 Packets Pansies, all different kinds, perfect wonders for colors. - - - 25c.

Col. No. 6.—10 Tuberose Bulbs, sweet scented, all flowering size, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 7.—10 Gladiolus Bulbs, your selection of either White and Light, Yellow or Orange, Striped and Variegated or Pink, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 8.—15 Gladiolus Bulbs, fancy mixed, produce mammoth spikes of all colors imaginable, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 9.—100 Oxalis Bulbs, splendid for flower beds of all descriptions, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 10.—15 Large Pansy Plants, mixed colors; splendid varieties, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 11.—4 Splendid Begonias, Scarlet, White, Yellow and Pink shades, - - - 25c.

Col. No. 12.—4 Hardy Everblooming Roses, Scarlet, White, Yellow and Pink, will bloom all summer in the garden. - - - 25c.

Col. No. 13.—4 Early Potatoes never offered before, Earliest in the World, - - - 25c.

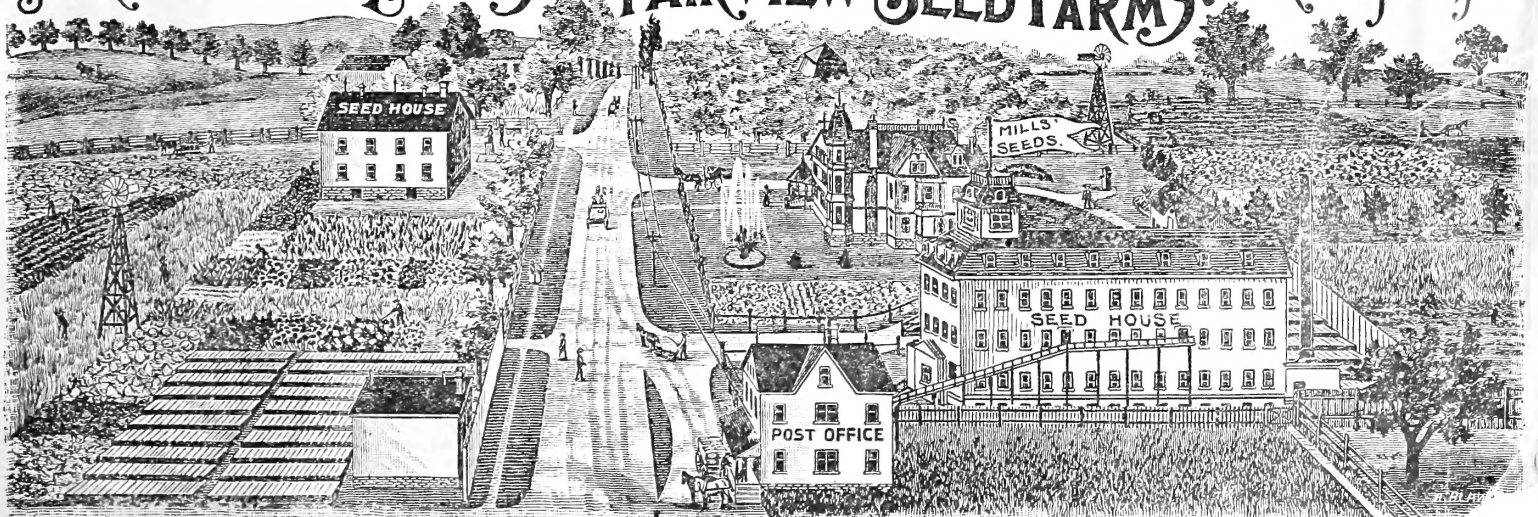
Remember that a club of 25 of these collections at 25 cts. each secures the club raiser one of the American Watches as described on inside of cover, and also a chance of competing for the 236 Great Premium Offers I have made for the largest number of collections sold before June 1, 1897.

See next page for full particulars and go to work at once and get up a club.

In sending in a club give names and addresses of each who are to have collections so each will get a Present and always say whether I shall send direct to each of your club or all of the collections to you for distribution.



## A PARTIAL VIEW OF MILLS' FAIRVIEW SEED FARMS. ROSE HILL, N.Y.

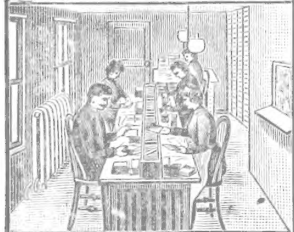




# GREETINGS - - 1897.



MAIN OFFICE WHERE  
ORDERS ARE BOOKED.



OPENING THE DAILY MAIL.



MANAGER & ASSISTANTS.



CHECKING, PACKING & WRAPPING.



THE above only gives a glimpse of a few of the many departments of my Seed House. The basement is fitted up for the storage of bulbs and there is located in it a large engine for driving printing machinery, elevators and electric light dynamo.

My printing department is fitted out with all the latest machinery for printing catalogues, circulars, etc. There are other departments not mentioned that are required for seed business.

It gives me great pleasure to present you my **Seed Catalogue** for 1897 which is so well filled with bargains. To-day there exist conditions that should fill the heart of every person with rejoicing. The wonderfully bountiful harvest, so magnificent in its proportions, with which Nature has so generously favored us, and the general bright outlook all over this broad land of ours gives me courage to offer the **greatest Bargains**, and furnish the very best stock of seeds, plants and bulbs, that can be had in this country.

This is my tenth year of business and I make it my **Bargain year**. I have aimed to fill this Catalogue from beginning to end with **Bargains** such as you have never seen before.

Shrewd buyers will readily see the advantages gained by buying from this Catalogue: In the first place instead of issuing an elaborate book of colored covers and plates and offering an almost endless list of varieties, which not only confuse the purchaser, but makes a book many times larger than this, and with much additional expense necessitating higher prices for the seeds, I issue this plain, practical book.

This Catalogue is just large enough to offer all the very best varieties of Garden, Field and Flower seeds, Bulbs, Plants and many **Great Collections**. Thousands and thousands of my customers write me that they are highly pleased with such a catalogue and it suits them much better than if I issued an elaborate book and then made prices higher. I can supply you with the best seeds that money, time, experience and labor can produce.

I can and will sell them to you, warranted to be as good or better than any high priced seed offered and will furnish same as cheap or cheaper than any other dealer.

I have seed testing grounds and houses where I make double tests of all seeds I sell as to the vitality, etc., and can assure my customers that Mills' Seeds are unsurpassed and from good seed only can good crops be raised. I always give full value in fresh seed and no seedsman can afford to sell tested seeds of equal quality for less money.

My establishment is located in the country on the Fairview Seed Farm and my facilities are the very best. I pay no city rents and issue this plain Catalogue and with such a saving in expenses I can afford to sell the best seeds as cheap as anyone and in a great many cases much cheaper. The partial view of Fairview Seed Farm, as shown on first page cover, only gives a small part together with the main buildings.

Ten years ago I sent out my first catalogue, a very small edition, and every year since the demand for them has steadily increased so that in 1896 it required over 2,000,000 circulars and catalogues. On account of the very large amount of printing I require, I added the past season a printing department which is equipped with all the latest machinery. This is my **Bargain year** and I expect to fill more orders in 1897 than any one year in the past, and why should I not with such a large stock of new crop seeds in my warehouses, never as low prices and special inducements to club raisers.

**A PRESENT WITH EVERY ORDER.** Every cash order received before July 1, 1897 will be entitled to some valuable present absolutely free. These presents consist of Rare Novelties, never offered, also yearly subscriptions to good Periodicals, Handsome Paintings of every description, good reliable Watches and a great many things that are sure to please everyone. Remember every cash order, no matter how small, gets a present, the larger the order the more valuable the present. If you order once, you will surely send in more orders and tell your neighbors about my seeds before planting season is over. Try an order now. Don't delay for you may regret it.

**COLLECTIONS** are a specialty, and I sell more annually than any other house in the trade. Look the thirteen over carefully that are offered on first page cover and also other parts of catalogue. You cannot make a mistake in ordering any of them. They all contain my best stock. Sell 25 and get the American Watch, and compete for the big prizes.

**PRICE BUYERS** Considerable space is devoted to this subject in many of the large and expensive catalogues to make buyers believe that seeds must be high priced to be good quality. Just think one minute. In your opinion can a seed man with a catalogue of from 125 to 200 pages, colored plates and lithograph covers sell seeds as cheap as I can with this catalogue of but 36 pages? They offer many varieties that there is little or no sale for while I offer standard sorts that always sell and no surplus stock is left on hand at end of season. Seeds are made high priced by dealers who issue elaborate catalogues. I guarantee my seeds as good as any offered in this country and over one-half million people who have planted them have found it so.

**MY GUARANTEE.** I guarantee that all seeds and other goods sent out from my establishment shall reach the purchaser safe, in good condition, be fresh and true to name, to grow if properly planted and if such should not prove the case I will refill the order free of charge providing sufficient proof is given me within a reasonable time. I cannot guarantee crops and will not be held responsible for them.

**HOW TO ORDER.** In ordering, always be sure to sign your name, post-office, county and state, and where possible use one of my order sheets and envelopes. Be very careful to name on the back (in the 50 cent certificate selection free) what you want in packets with the \$1.00 order or more. Cash must accompany all orders and money should be sent by Post Office Order, Bank Draft or Registered Letter. Every postmaster is obliged by law to register a letter on the payment of 8 cents in addition to the postage and you will receive my receipt for the letter as soon as I receive it. Small amounts will be accepted in postage stamps, providing you cannot send anything else. Silver or gold coin when sent in a letter should be sewed in cloth or pasteboard to prevent its breaking through the envelope and then have it registered. The efficiency of the Post Office department is such that it is rarely a letter or package is ever lost. At mail prices I pay the postage to any part of the U. S., but Canadian customers must add 15 cents per quart and 8 cents per lb. to the mail prices to pay the extra postage to Canada.

**EXPRESS OR FREIGHT.** On all articles that are to be sent by express or freight, I never pay the transportation charges and it is agreed that the customer pays them on receipt of goods, and when ordering always be sure to state whether the goods shall be sent by express or freight, and give plain shipping directions. No charges are made for bbls, boxes, bags, packing, or cartage to the railroad station here, and all shipments are made via the most direct routes.

Send for a **PLANTERS' WHOLESALE CATALOGUE** if you want to order \$5.00 worth. It will save you money and is free to all.

## DO YOU WANT A RELIABLE AMERICAN WATCH? IT IS TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

It is an open face, nicked case, stem wind, stem set, heavy beveled crystal, American Lever movement, protected by dust cap, fully timed and regulated and guaranteed to be reliable. It is a watch for everyone and it can be secured by a little effort. It is a neat, handsome, thoroughly reliable timepiece that you will not be ashamed to carry. It is also a convenient timepiece for the kitchen or bedroom.

**MY GREAT OFFER.** Every person who will sell 25 of any of the 13 Great Collections, offered on front page cover, at 25 cts. each, will receive absolutely free one of the above American watches, by mail postpaid.

### \$25,000 WORTH OF PREMIUMS TO BE GIVEN AWAY JUNE 1, 1897.

In addition to giving the above watch for every club of 25 collections as offered on first page cover at 25 cts. each, I offer 250,000 yearly subscriptions to **Success With the Garden**, (see 3d page cover), made up into 236 Prizes for the largest number of the 13 collections sold before June 1, as follows:

First Prize,	Largest Number sold,	10,000 yearly subscriptions.
Next five	" " " " " "	4,000 " " " "
Next ten	" " " " " "	3,000 " " " "
Next twenty	" " " " " "	2,000 " " " "
Next one hundred	" " " " " "	1,000 " " " "
Next one hundred	" " " " " "	500 " " " "

Go in for some of these prizes. The regular subscription price is 30 cts. a year but you can charge 10 cts. or whatever you wish and in a very short time get subscriptions into money. If you get one of the 1,000 Prizes it is certainly worth over \$100 to you, while the First Prize is worth \$1,000 to you. I do not expect to receive a club of 50 collections from anyone but small clubs are sure of a prize there being 236 of them offered.

June 2, 1897 the prizes will be awarded to the 236 persons who have sold the largest number of the 13 collections offered on front cover and Certificates will immediately be mailed entitling each to their number of subscriptions as the contest stands.





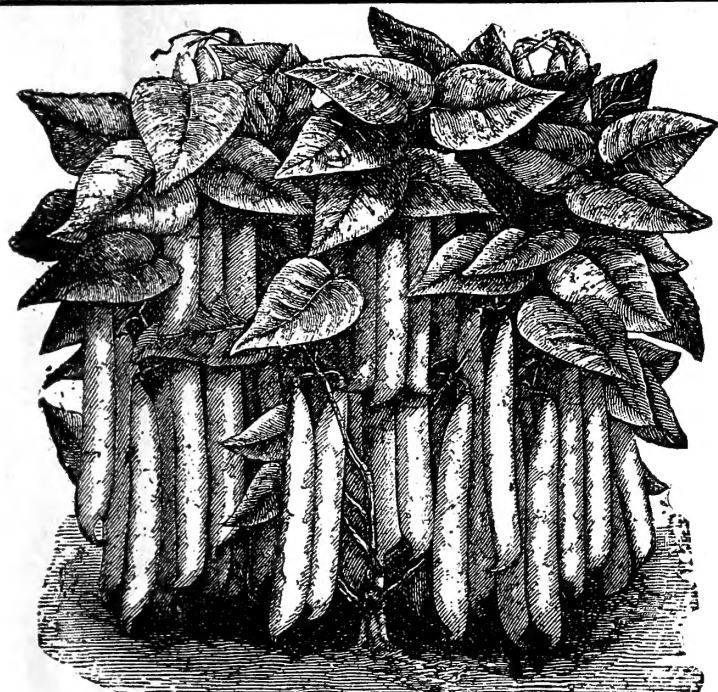
# The Best List of Vegetable Seeds for 1897

THE following list of Vegetable Seeds will be found to contain all the standard and reliable varieties in cultivation, as well as all the latest *novelties* and *specialties*. If you find anything omitted, it is for the reason that it is new or I do not consider it worthy of a place in my catalogue. Everything is carefully tested, and nothing offered except those that will give my customers entire satisfaction. It is useless to offer a long list of varieties for it confuses the purchaser and does not prove as satisfactory in the end. All my seeds are grown in latitudes best suited to the development of choice seed, and are first class in every respect, and I can say I have never had a better lot to offer than I have this spring. Please remember that I pay postage on all seeds offered by the pkt., ounce, ¼ lb., ½ lb., lb., ½ pt., pts. and qts. Larger quantities are sent by express or freight, customers to pay the transportation charges. Do not forget that if you order \$1.00 worth of anything in this catalogue, you are entitled to select 50 cts. worth of pkts. free, (see order sheet).

## ASPARAGUS.

I offer the three best varieties, (see prices.)

**Palmetto**—This is the finest and best variety grown, remarkably tender and rich when cooked, free from any tough or woody fibre. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.; ¼ lb. 16c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c. postpaid.  
**Barr's Mammoth**—Stalks very large, grow quickly, light in color, nearly equal to the Palmetto but somewhat larger. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.; ¼ lb. 16c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c. postpaid.  
**Conover's Colossal**—A large, rapid grower, well known to all. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c. postpaid.



MILLS' RUST PROOF WAX BEAN.

Have you seen my special offer of "Success with the Garden." One year for 10 cents? Think of it, a bright monthly one year for only 10 cents. Do not fail to include it in your order for seeds and you will be more than pleased.

N. M. Larson, Douglas Co., Wis., April 29, writes: I thank you ever so much for the seeds which I sent for a few weeks ago. I wish to say that I am well pleased with the collection and also to see that you are upright and honest. By writing to different companies I have been fooled many a time, but I am pleased to say that I have not been fooled by you.

Mrs. E. B. Lay, La Salle Co., Ill., May 2, writes: The seeds I ordered arrived safely and are most of them planted and up. Please accept my tardy thanks for the quantity of seed and care bestowed upon the packing.



FIELD OF MILLS' BANNER BEANS FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

## BEANS—(Dwarf or Bush.)

My list is not as large as some dealers, but I have all the very best and will be found sufficient for any garden. My prices are very low and I want your orders.

**Early Red Valentine**—(Cleveland's improved). Early, productive, tender and desirable for either family or market use. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pint 10c.; pint 16c.; quart 30c. postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ peck 45c.; peck 80c.; ½ bush. \$1.55; bush. \$3.00.

**Early China Red Eye**—A good early sort and I can recommend it to anyone. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pint 10c.; pint 16c.; qt. 30c. postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ peck 45c.; peck 80c.; ½ bush. \$1.55; bush. \$3.00.

**Early Mohawk**—Very early and will stand more cold than most of the bush varieties. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 10c.; pt. 16c.; qt. 30c. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ peck, 45c.; peck, 80c.; ½ bushel 1.55; bushel \$3.00.

**Mills' Improved Prolific Tree**—(See cut.) This is one of the most valuable beans and grows nearly 2 feet high; branching out in all directions and bears an abundance of pods that seldom ever touch the ground, enabling it to stand a wet spell without injury. It is an immense yielding variety and I have seen a single plant that had 419 pods on it. They mature early and ripen up evenly and only one bean should be planted in a hill. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ peck 60c.; pk. \$1.00; bush. \$3.50.

**Early Long Yellow Six Weeks**—This is an extra early variety, very productive, and always makes a good thick meaty pod. It is liked for its productiveness and also on account of its being adapted for any soil and weather and not liable to be injured by spring frosts. Per pkt. 6c., ½ pt. 10c., pt. 16c. qt. 30c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 45c.; pk. 80c.; ½ bu. \$1.55, bu. \$3.00.



## . DWARF WAX PODDED VARIETIES.

**Mills' Rust Proof Wax**—This is one of the best wax beans in cultivation, and has proved itself the nearest to perfection of any variety yet offered. They are very early, grow upright, and robust, holding their pods up well from the ground, which are always of a beautiful golden color, unsurpassed in quality and are certainly at the head of the wax bean list. (See illustration carefully drawn from a plant). Per pkt. 6c., ½ pt. 10c., pt. 18c., qt., 35c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 75c., pk. \$1.25, ½ bu. \$2.25.

**Improved Golden Wax**—Very early. Pods are large, of a golden wax color and of the best quality. Per pkt. 6c., ½ pt. 10c., pt. 18c., qt. 35c. postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 75c., pk. \$1.25, ½ bu. \$2.25, bu. \$4.00.

**New Kidney Wax**—Very productive. Pods are large and handsome both in color and form. Per pkt. 6c., ½ pt. 10c., pt. 18c., qt., 35c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 75c., pk. \$1.25, ½ bu. \$2.25, bu. \$4.00.

**Black Wax**—Tender, yellow, with transparent pods of the best flavor. Per pkt. 6c., ½ pt. 10 cts., pt. 18c., qt. 35c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 75c., pk. \$1.25, ½ bu. \$2.25, bu. \$4.00.

**Yosemite Mammoth Wax**—This is of monstrous size, enormously long pods and a king among beans—They should be planted at least ¼ wider than the ordinary bush beans. Pods frequently attain a length of from 8 to 10 inches and are very solid; enormously productive. The seeds are very small when the pods are fit for use. Per pkt. 10c., ½ pt. 16c., pt. 30c., qt. 50c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 90c., pk. \$1.75.

## A Great White Bean for Farmers—Mills' Banner.

I introduced this new Bean last year with the belief that it would prove very desirable to all those that grow beans for market. It has more than met my expectations, and my customers are reporting wonderful success and enormous yields. To give you a little history of how it originated, I will say that it was first discovered in 1892 by one of my customers who is an expert bean grower. Since then it has been carefully grown, until now it has attained perfection, and all those contemplating planting a white bean for market should not fail to give this a trial. Planted on May 30th it was ready to harvest Sept. 1st, ninety days from planting. It will produce more Beans to the acre than any other Bean in the world, even on the poorest land and by the side of other well known varieties. They never rust like other Beans. Not one pod has ever been found with rust on since their discovery, which is a great point. The plants stand up erect and produce an abundance of pods, averaging about six inches long, well filled with pure white beans and will sell in market at the highest price. The quality is the best for cooking and baking. I consider it absolutely the finest Bean for field culture and if you do not grow beans for market order a few and grow some for home use. All my customers should plant this variety, and they will be more than pleased. Try at least a few if you do not care to order a peck or bushel. Prices for 1897, per pkt. 6c., ½ pt., 10c., pt. 18c., qt. 30c., postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid, ½ pk. 50 cts., pk. 80c., ½ bu. \$1.50, bu. \$2.50.

Here are a few extracts from customers letters:

N. Y.—Greatest Field Bean I ever saw. Farmers all want it.

PA.—Made \$100 from the seed I purchased last spring.

OHIO—The one pint grew me over 10 bushels. Its a wonder.

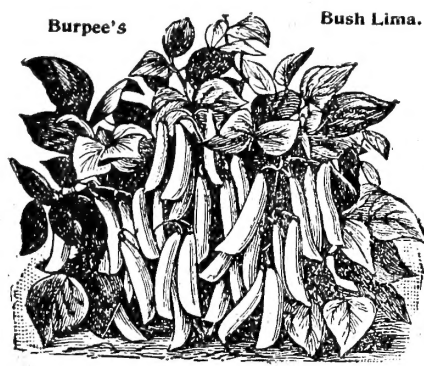
CAL.—The packet of Banner Beans gave me over 1 bush. of the finest shelled Beans I ever saw.

MO.—Greatest Field Bean in America I am convinced from my great crop.

IND.—I am glad I tried the Banner Bean. It is worth hundreds of dollars to farmers.

**THE 3 BUSH LIMAS.** Here are three of the best Dwarf Lima Beans in cultivation, and my customers should not fail to plant a good supply.

**Mills' Wonder Dwarf Lima.**—This is entirely different in size and shape from the other Lima Beans. The illustration shows as nearly as possible the plant growing. It needs no support and grows about 3 feet high. It is worthy of a place in any garden. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.; ½ pt. 18c.; pt. 30c.; qt. 50c. postpaid.



**Burpee's Bush Lima.**—This is the leading Lima Bean on account of its producing large pods. It grows 18 to 20 inches high and branches vigorously. It is an immense yielder and single plants have produced several hundred pods well filled with beans. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.; ½ pt. 18c.; pt. 30c.; qt. 50c., postpaid.

**Henderson's Bush Lima.**—This is an extra early Lima Bean but does not produce as large pods as Burpee's Bush Lima. For some reasons prefer it. It always gives a continuous crop during the season. Per pkt. 6c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 45c., postpaid.



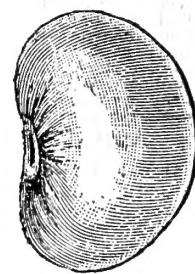
Mills' Wonder Dwarf Lima.

**Golden Cluster Wax.**—This is a strong grower and produces beautiful golden yellow pods averaging 7 to 8 inches long and ¼ inch wide which are borne in clusters, entirely stringless and a first-class early wax pole bean. Per pkt. 6c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 18c.; pt. 30c.; qt. 50c.

**Golden Andalusia Wax.**—Pods are from 5 to 6 inches long, fine flavored when cooked. They commence bearing their magnificent pods in great abundance when the vines are young and continue to bear in great profusion the entire season. The beans when dry are pure white in color. Per pkt. 6c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 45c.

**BEANS, Pole or Running.**

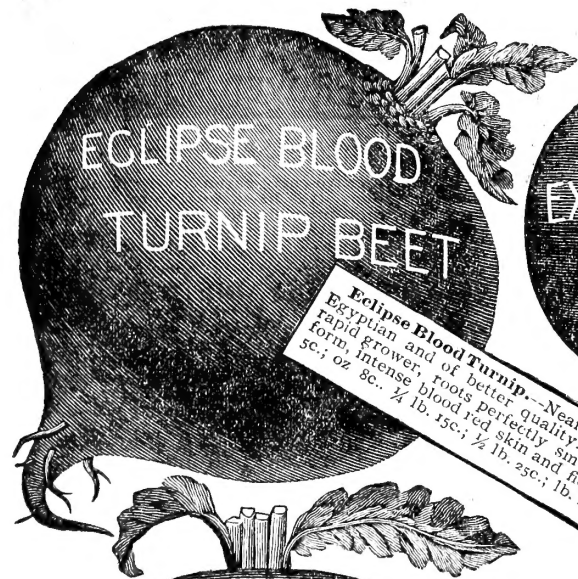
**King Of The Garden Lima.**—A well-known bean and produces large sized pods and beans which are of the best quality. Per pkt. 6c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 40c.



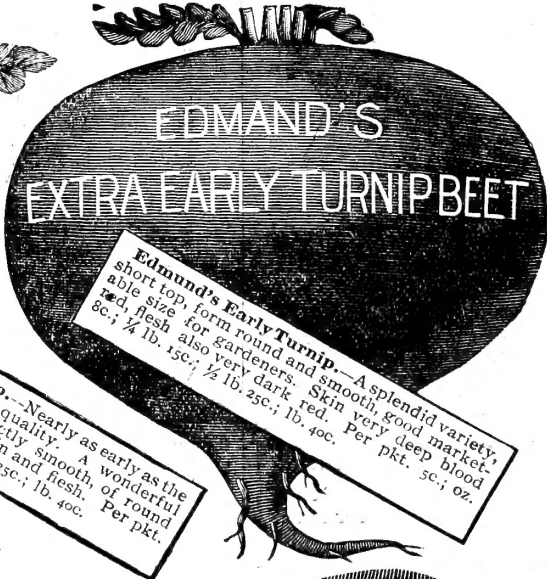
**Lazy Wife's.**—This is a round, medium sized white pole bean, pods good size, pale green in color, very thick meat, entirely stringless and should be grown in every garden where pole beans are desired. Per pkt. 6c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 45c.



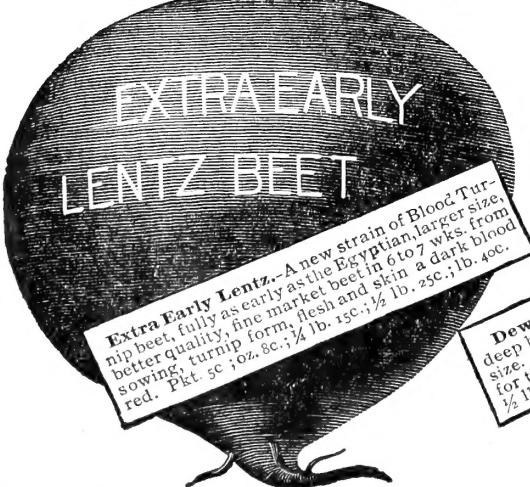
**BEETS.** I offer the choicest and best varieties of Beets in cultivation, and please remember that my prices are very low. A good supply of Beet seed should always be planted.



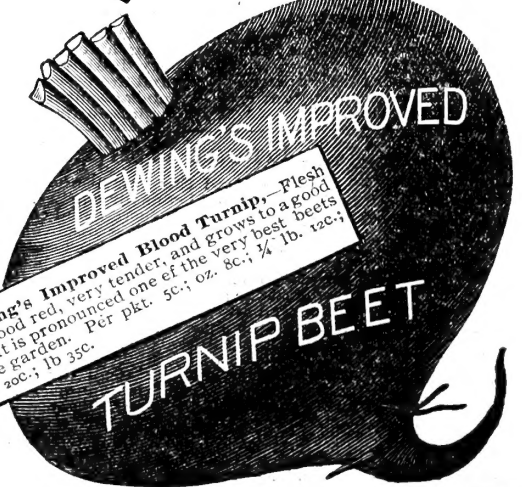
**Eclipse Blood Turnip.**—Nearly as early as the Egyptian and of better quality. A wonderful rapid grower, roots perfectly smooth, of round form, intense blood red skin and flesh. Per pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**Edmund's Early Turnip.**—A splendid variety, short top, form round and smooth, good marketable size for gardeners. Skin very deep blood red, flesh also very dark red. Per pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**Extra Early Lentz.**—A new strain of Blood Turnip beet, fully as early as the Egyptian, larger size, better quality, fine market beet in 6 to 7 wks. from sowing, turnip form, flesh and skin a dark blood red. Pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**Dewing's Improved Blood Turnip.**—Flesh deep blood red, very tender, and grows to a good size. It is pronounced one of the very best beets for the garden. Per pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Egyptian Blood Turnip.**—Claimed to be the earliest of all beets, a well-known variety, roots turnip shape, skin and flesh dark red in color. Pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Improved Long Red.**—This Beet is popular everywhere. Tops large, necks small. Roots, stems and vines red, leaves green. Roots are large, tapering at both ends, growing nearly even with the surface, flesh and skin dark red, tender, sweet and remains so when kept until spring. Per pkt. 5c.; 2 pkts. 10c.; ½ lb. 15c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**I KNOW MY BEET SEED IS ALL RIGHT, FOR I SELL TONS OF IT EVERY YEAR. ALL SEED THE VERY BEST. SEND ME YOUR ORDER THIS YEAR.**





**Large Red Globe**—Desirable variety for planting in shallow soil and easy to dig as it has a short oblong shape root, immensely productive and one of the best for feeding. It keeps as well as any stored for winter use. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 12c.; ½ lb. 20c.; 1 lb. 30c.

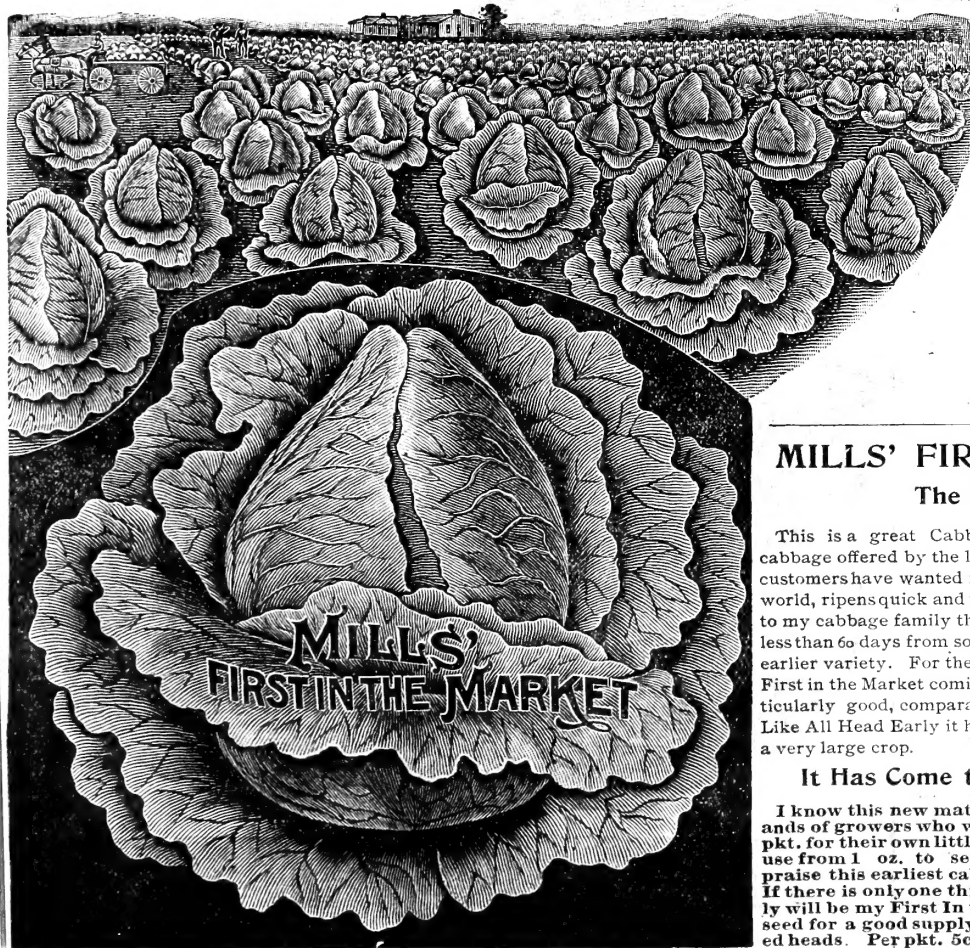
**Lane's Improv Sugar**—This is the and productive in cultivation, yields improved, excellent cropper, best for feeding. Per 12c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.

**ed Imperial** most popular sugar beet mense crops, easily and considered the very pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb.

**Golden Tankard**—One of the most valuable for stock feeding. Contains less water and more sugar than any other Mangel. It is claimed stock will pick out every piece of this before touching any other. On account of its peculiar shape it can be left very close in the rows and is a very heavy cropper, coming early to maturity and is the leading yellow variety. per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 12c.; ½ lb. 20c.; 1 lb. 30c.

**Improved Mammoth Prize Long Red**—This is a mammoth variety, heaviest cropper and best Long Red Mangel in cultivation, grows to an enormous size. I have grown single roots to weigh over 25 lbs. each. Excellent for stock. Per pkt. 5c.; oz.

8c.; ¼ lb. 12c.; ½ lb. 20c.; 1 lb. 30c.



## CABBAGE.

### Extra Selected Stock.

I exercise the greatest care in the selection of my seed stock for I know that the crop depends on the quality of the seed. Seed grown in California or Europe, of American varieties, largely sold by dealers, can not be relied upon to produce good crops, and it certainly is of the utmost importance that persons, who intend growing this crop with success should be very particular about the seed they sow. The best cabbage seed is grown on Long Island, and here I have large crops grown. It is a special study in selecting well developed cabbage which is of the sure heading and hard heading character. I confine myself to those varieties that have after years of culture prove reliable, of good quality, productive and good headers. I am offering this season the very best early, medium and late cabbage in cultivation, and the prices are within the reach of all. Do not fail to include some of my choice cabbage seed in your order.

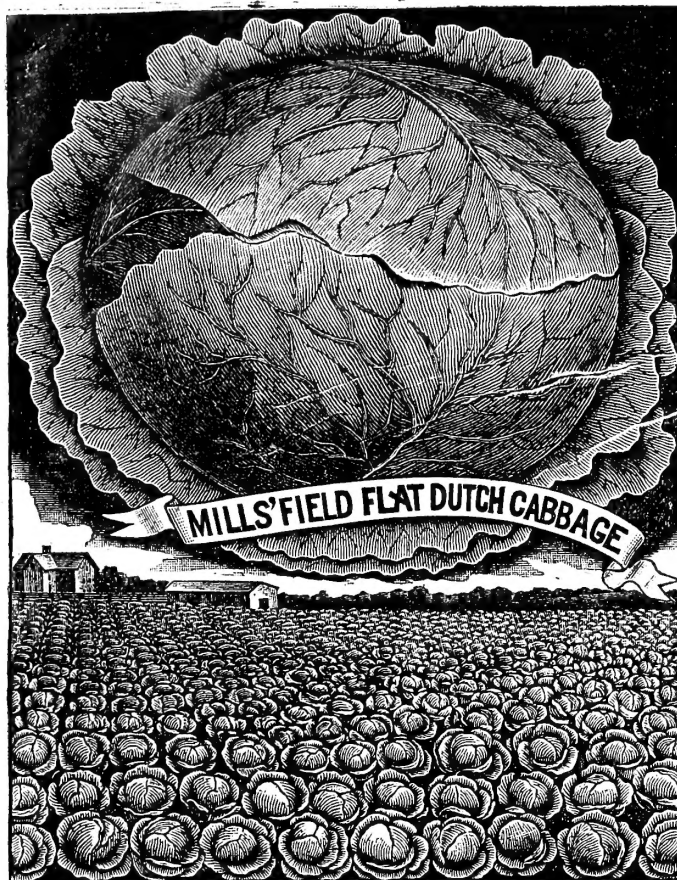
### MILLS' FIRST IN THE MARKET CABBAGE.

#### The Earliest Cabbage in the World,

This is a great Cabbage but there are almost any number of extra early cabbage offered by the leading seedsmen, but my First in the Market is just what my customers have wanted for a long time. It is the quickest growing good cabbage in the world, ripens quick and will please everyone who plants it. It is the greatest addition to my cabbage family that I have ever made. Produces fair size, marketable heads in less than 60 days from sowing the seed. I do not think there is anyone that can offer an earlier variety. For the market gardener, trucker or home garden or for everybody First in the Market coming so early, readily sells in any market. In quality it is particularly good, comparatively few leaves and almost every plant forms a perfect head. Like All Head Early it heads admirably and as it can be planted close together, it yields a very large crop.

#### It Has Come to Stay And Make Happy Every Grower!

I know this new matchless cabbage will have a tremendous hold upon thousands of growers who will plant it this season. Upon thousands who use only 1 pkt. for their own little garden, and upon the farmer and market gardener who use from 1 oz. to several pounds. Everyone without exception will surely praise this earliest cabbage grown for the finest quality and surest heading sort. If there is only one thing in this catalogue that you want this season, it certainly will be my First In the Market cabbage and you should not fail to plant enough seed for a good supply of plants. Price of extra selected seed from well developed heads. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; 1-4 lb. 50c.; 1-2 lb. 80c.; 1 lb. \$1.50 postpaid.



**Mills' Giant Late Flat Dutch.**—For sureness in heading and regularity in growth MILLS' GIANT LATE FLAT DUTCH heads the list of late cabbages. No words of praise are too high for its merits. It forms every time very large, solid heads, uniform in size and color, handsome in appearance. It has a very short stem and at the same time is a compact grower. If there is a better cabbage than this in America I do not know of it, for every attainable Sureheading cabbage has been tried, and nothing has equalled my famous Flat Dutch. Farmers and others planting this will realize more from it than any other late cabbage that I know of. Better pay an extra price for the seed and have a good crop than to buy inferior seed at low price. Ninety-nine heads out of one hundred plants set out is nothing uncommon. There are other excellent strains of cabbage offered in this catalogue but none can surpass my Giant Flat Dutch. I could easily fill this page with wonderful reports from customers who are pleased with it. Extra fine stock Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.25.

I also offer the following varieties, for lack of room I do not give a full description of them. They are all well known and the stock is the very best that can be grown. You will notice that my prices are very reasonable;

**Large Early York.**—A well-known early variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 45c.; lb. 80c.

**Very Early Etampes.**—This is a very early sort, larger than the EARLY YORK. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 55c.; lb. \$1.00.

**Mills' Early Summer.**—Another well-known early variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.10.

**Extra Early Express.**—This is claimed by many to be the earliest cabbage in cultivation and is claimed by them to be their favorite variety. It certainly is a good sort. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.10.

**Henderson's Succession.**—It is noted either as a medium early, main or late crop, excellent for market gardeners and truckers. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 65c.; lb. \$1.20.

**Fottler's Improved Brunswick.**—Earliest of the Drumhead varieties. For early summer and late fall it is excellent. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 55c.; lb. \$1.00.

**Early Jersey Wakefield.**—This famous variety is largely planted by market gardeners and truckers and if grown from a good strain of seed, never fails to make a satisfactory crop. Never buy cheap seed of this variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. \$1.00; lb. \$1.75.

**All Seasons.**—Early as the early summer and one-third larger. As its name indicates it can be planted at all seasons of the year and produces a fine large head, not liable to burst after heading. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 65c.; lb. \$1.00.

**Warren's Stone Mason.**—Largely grown for shipping and a reliable sort with fine large head. In many sections no other variety is grown for shipping. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 65c.; lb. \$1.20.

**Mammoth Rock Red.**—Largest Red Cabbage known, heads being of a deep red color inside as well as out. They are almost as hard and solid as a rock. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 70c.; lb. \$1.30.

**Danish Ball Head.**—This is an entirely new variety and is claimed by many to be far superior to any variety ever offered for shipping purposes. It has been selected for more than fifty years by the Danish gardeners. Heads are round, of remarkable size, fine grain and good keepers. Per pkt. 10c.; 2 pkts. 15c.; oz. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 80c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. \$1.50.

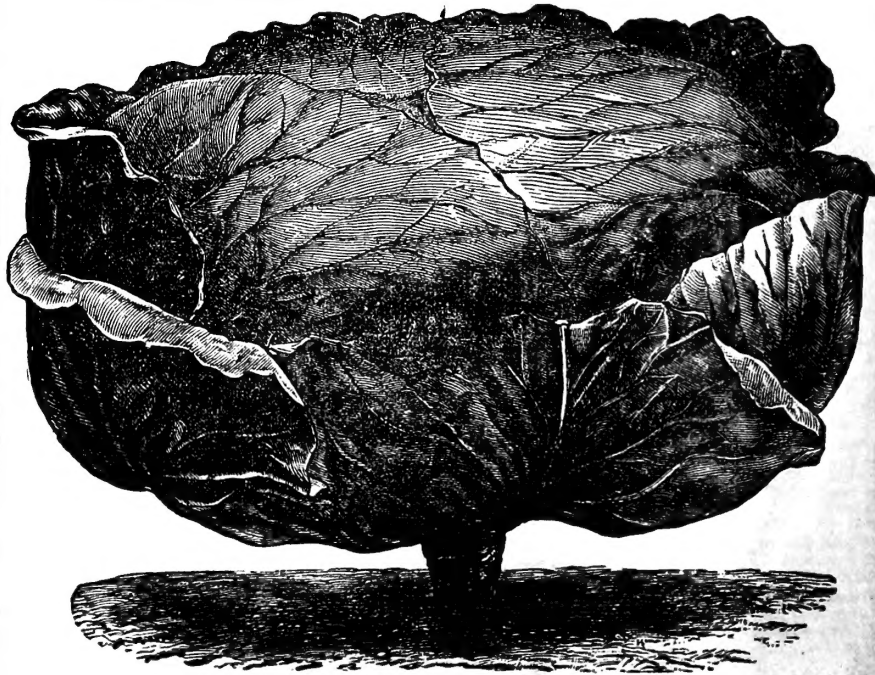
**New Winter Cabbage, the Lupton.**—This new variety is offered extensively by many of the leading seedsmen. I have a very choice stock to offer at the following low prices. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 55c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. \$1.00.

**Mills' All Head Early.**—The earliest cabbage in the world is Mills' First in the Market. The best surest heading late cabbage is Mills' Giant Flat Dutch. But what have you between? This I am frequently asked. I am now able to offer what is called "All Head Early." That just fills the place. This is truthfully the finest large summer cabbage in the world, and while this may seem a strong statement I can prove it every time. My claims are first earliness with heads twice as large as any other early summer cabbage. The deep flat heads, as shown by the beautiful engraving of a field, are remarkably solid and the most uniform in shape and size of any variety in cultivation. As tenderness is the result of rapid growth it surpasses all others in this respect. It is the most thoroughbred of all American Cabbages, and the heads grow so compactly that fully 1000 more heads can be obtained to the acre than any other cabbage. I wish to say to my customers that if they want the finest cabbage for early summer, do not fail to order this great variety. Price of extra selected stock Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.30.

**Mills' Surehead.**—While the Giant Flat Dutch is my favorite variety and always produces an excellent crop, my Surehead comes very close to it, and produces solid firm heads, even in the most unfavorable season. It is all head and always sure to head, even where many other varieties fail. Single heads have grown to weigh over 60 lbs., although the average weight is from 10 to 20 lbs. I sell many hundred pounds of this famous cabbage seed every year, and my customers who have never grown Surehead, ought to give it a trial this season. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.25.



Mills' Surehead.



Mills' Short-stem Drumhead.

**Early Winningstadt.**—Resembles the Early Jersey Wakefield and forms large solid heads early in summer. It is excellent for fall and early winter use. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.10.

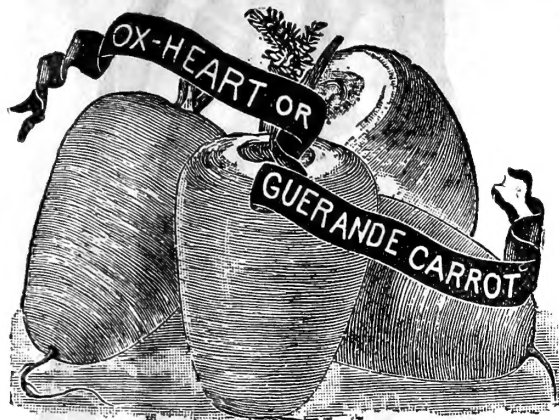
**Large Late Drumhead.**—This is a well-known variety for fall and winter cabbage. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 55c.; lb. \$1.00.

**Mills' Short-stem Drumhead.**—As shown by the illustration this is one of the very best Drumhead Cabbages. It is solid, round, flattened on the top. From 100 plants set out 95 solid heads may be expected. This is an excellent variety for customers in the South where many varieties fail to head. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.25.



# CARROTS,

I offer all the standard and reliable varieties and prices are for seed by mail postpaid. Four pounds will sow an acre.



**Ox Heart, or Guerande.**—As shown by the illustration this carrot is fine shaped, being intermediate in length and fully 3 to 5 inches in diameter, quality extra good. It can be pulled where other sorts require digging. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 60 cts.

**Improved Long Orange.**—One of the best late deep orange colored varieties for general culture as well as the garden. Extensively used by dairymen. Yields heavy. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 8 cts.; ¼ lb. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 30 cts.; 1 lb. 55 cts.

**Giant Short White.**—This variety I think should take first rank owing to its enormous productiveness and of its growing well out of the ground making it easy to harvest. Roots ½ inch long, smooth, very heavy at the shoulder and tapering regularly to the point, flesh rich, white, solid, crisp and of excellent flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 8 cts.; ¼ lb. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 60 cts.

**Large White Belgian.**—A splendid variety for stock. The roots are mammoth in size and the production is enormous, very frequently yielding 50 tons and over per acre. It is highly recommended.

mended by Experimental Stations and Agricultural Gardens for fattening all kinds of stock. My seed is of superior quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 6 cts.; ¼ lb. 15 cts.; ½ lb. 25 cts.; 1 lb. 40 cts.

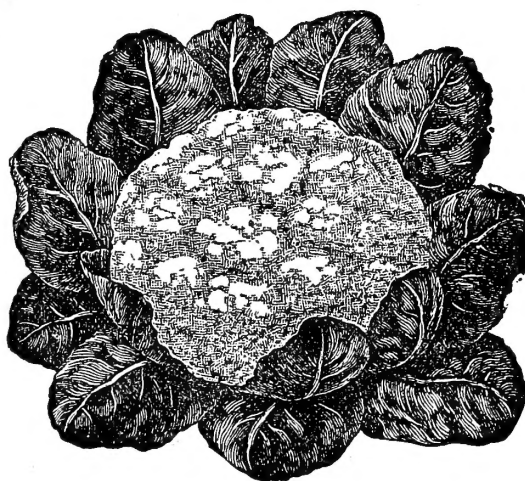
## CAULIFLOWER, I offer the finest strains. I wish

to call particular attention to my Early Favorite. No seed is more important. One oz. will produce 1500 to 2000 plants. I offer four varieties.

**Mills' Early Favorite.**—This surpasses all others and will stand the heat and drouth of any climate the best of all, and is the earliest and surest of any variety to grow. Surpasses all other varieties. For forcing this variety is particularly well adapted, as a variety for the family and market garden it is unequalled. It always does well for late planting. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 2 pkts. 15 cts.; ¼ oz. \$2.00; oz. \$3.50.

**Henderson's Early Snowball.**

This is a well known variety and considered one of the best in cultivation and a great favorite throughout the country, very early, close growing, compact habit, and is well adapted for forcing under glass during the winter and spring. My stock is perfectly reliable. Per pkt. 8 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.25; oz. \$2.25.



Mills' Early Favorite.

**Extra Selected Dwarf Early Erfurt.**—This is another remarkable variety for heading, very dwarf with solid heads of superior quality. If planted in March crop can be harvested in June. Market gardeners and private planters will do well to plant this superior variety. Per pkt. 8 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.25; oz. \$2.25.

**New Golden Self Blanching.**—This cannot be too highly recommended. The roots are perfectly solid, crisp and of excellent flavor, the heart is large and solid and a rich golden yellow color. It has been the leading variety and I offer a very fine strain. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 15 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb. 75 cts.

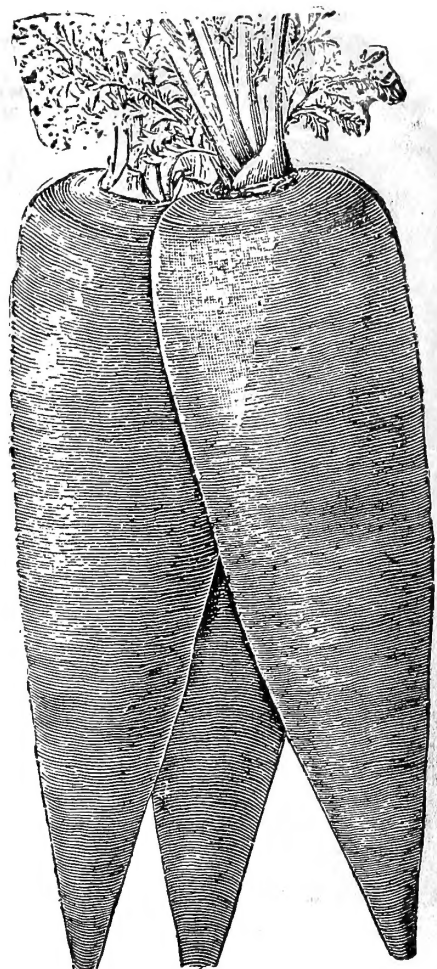
**New Golden Self Blanching, (Extra selected strain).**—This is an extra selected strain of this famous variety, and cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the most critical growers and always comes true. Per pkt. 8 cts.; ½ oz. 25 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

**New Rose.**—The rose celeries have a superior flavor and are very ornamental for the table, solid, rich in flavor and keep remarkably well. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb. 50 cts.

**Giant Pascal, (see cut).**—With the exception of my extra selected Self Blanching, this is without doubt the most remarkable variety ever introduced, stalks are extremely large, and entirely stringless, is crisp and brittle. The heart is a rich bright yellow even after blanching. It is excellent for shipping and does not rust or rot, highly recommended for the South where it grows more satisfactorily than almost any other kind. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb. 50 cts.

**White Plume.**—This is a well known variety and recommended on account of its being blanched without banking. There is no reason why every amateur gardener should not grow this variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb. 50 cts.

**Dwarf Golden Heart.**—This is of dwarf habit and when planted the heart, which is large and full, is of a waxy golden yellow, very striking and showy, of the best quality and keeps well during the winter. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb. 50 cts.



Improved Long Orange.

**Extra Early Paris Forcing.**—A favorite variety and very reliable for heading and is good for forcing, equally as good for outdoor culture. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 25 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

**CELERY,** My stock of Celery seed is particularly fine, but owing to the lack of room I am unable to illustrate many of the excellent varieties, but my prices are remarkably low for strictly first class seed.

**Pink Plume.**—This is a splendid new variety recently introduced, and is an advance in Celeries as an intermediate between the white and red Celeries, combining the good qualities of both. Pink Plume is practically the same as Famous White Plume, rich flavor long keeping qualities, for which the Red Celeries are noted. It is a strong heavy grower, stems are solid and crisp and on account of its being pink is very attractive for the table. Per pkt. 5 cts.; ½ oz. 20 cts.; oz. 35 cts.



## MILLS' SELECTED SWEET CORN.

I have the finest varieties of sweet corn in cultivation and exercise the greatest care in selecting my seed stock.

If you want a quantity of corn, send for planters' Wholesale Price List. It will save you money.

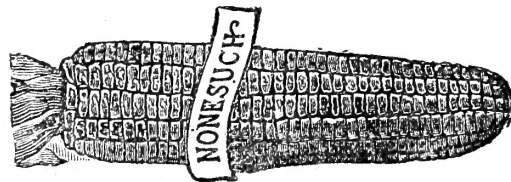
**Mills' Earliest Large Sweet Corn**—This is without

doubt the large est eared early variety of Sweet Corn in cultivation; or at least I have found it so from the trials made by the side of other sorts. The ears are 8 rowed with very small cob, pure white in color. I have found it is about as early as First of All and Cory, but where it is more preferable is on account of the large sized ears. It remains fit for table use longer than any other corn known. Stalks grow about 5 ft. high, averaging about 2 ears each; entirely free from smut. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Extra Early Cory**—With the exception of the First of All, this is the earliest Sweet Corn and the best of all early varieties. Ears are good size, sweet and fine quality, and a first class corn for market gardeners or private families. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

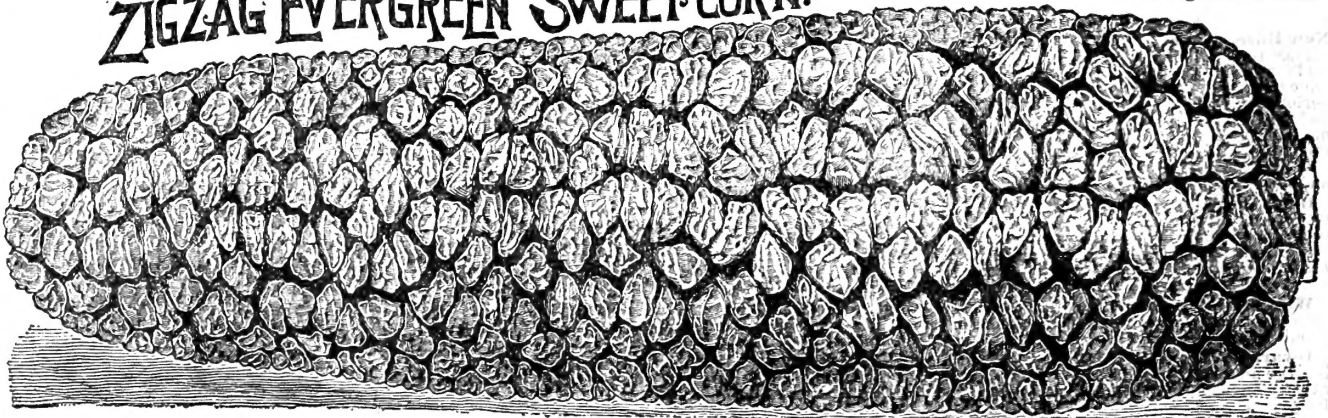
**Potter's Superb**—I introduced this new variety in 1890 and it has proved to be superior to the well known Stowell's Evergreen. A great many of my customers prefer it to any other variety. It is certainly a corn that I can highly recommend. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Mills' None Such**—This is a medium early variety and produces good sized ears of from 12 to 14 rows on a cob. Each cob is pink in color and tinted with pink at the out end. It is a first class Sweet Corn and cannot be too highly recommended. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.



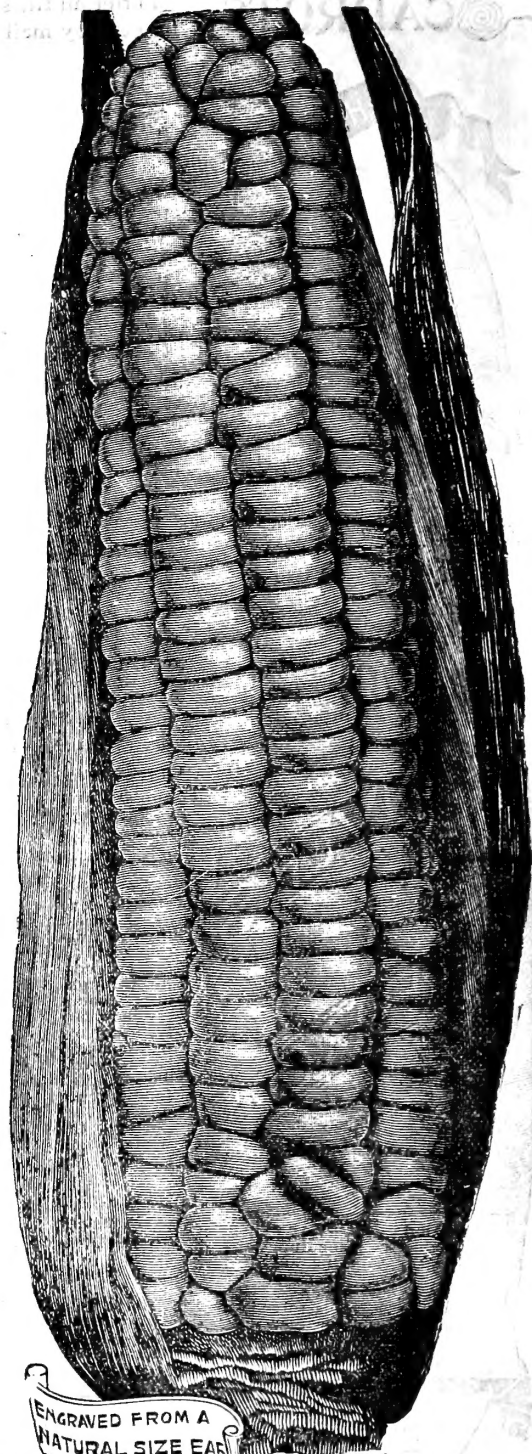
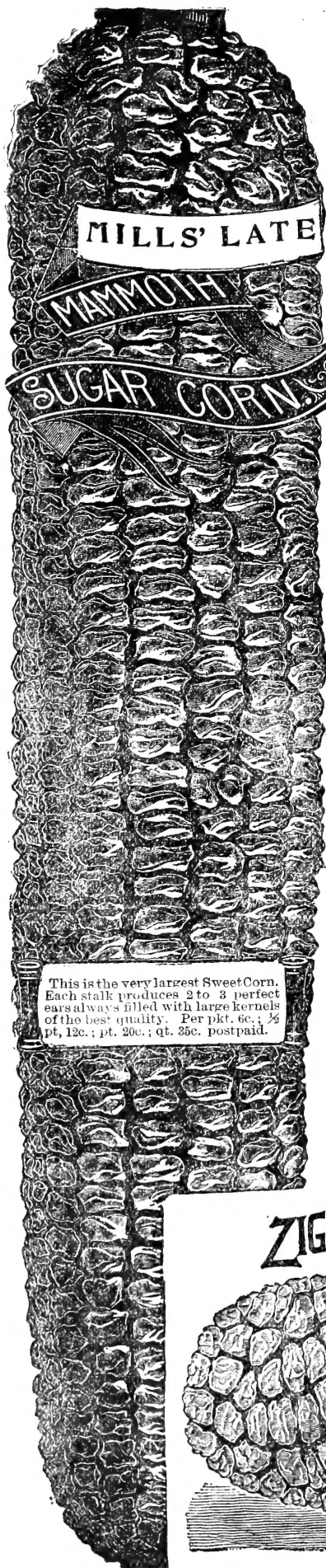
**Zigzag Evergreen**—This is a grand new Sweet Corn. It comes in about 8 days ahead of Stowell's Evergreen. The kernels are very large, resembling this variety, but grow on the cob in zig zag fashion as you will see by the illustration. It always produces 2 perfect ears on every stalk of such hand some appearance as to readily command a high price where ever offered. In my trials the past summer while other varieties did not produce a perfect ear, Zig Zag produced two good ears of as fine corn as one could wish for. It is a most excellent variety for the family garden, market gardeners or canners and I can recommend it to all wishing a delicious Sweet Corn. It can be planted at any time during the season and be depended upon to produce an abundant yield. I wish all my customers would try this excellent new corn. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

## ZIGZAG EVERGREEN SWEET CORN.

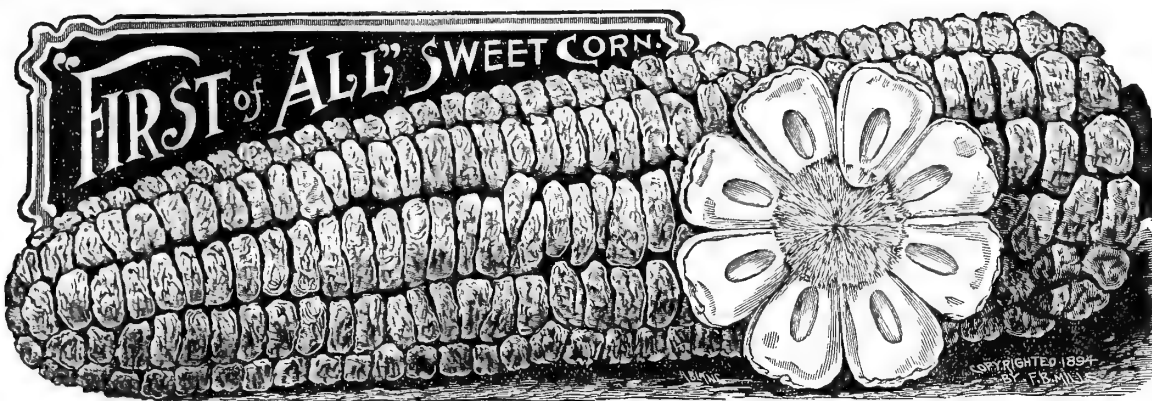


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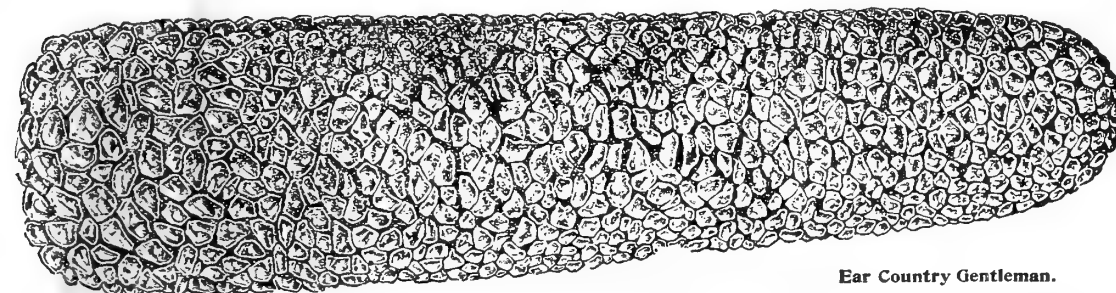
Mills' Earliest Large Sweet Corn.







**Mills' First of All**—This is the earliest Sweet Corn that I have ever been able to offer, even earlier than the Cory, which has previously been the earliest known. It being a few days earlier than the Cory not only makes it valuable for family use but extremely valuable for market where the earliest corn always brings the highest price. It is rather dwarfer in growth than the Cory, and superior in quality, tender and Sweet. The illustration engraved from an average ear reduced in size shows the form of the ears which are of medium size well filled with large grains to the very tip on a very small cob. Why not have the earliest Sweet Corn in your neighborhood? If you plant First of All, you will have. I have an extra nice stock to offer this year all extra selected. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.



Ear Country Gentleman.

**Country Gentleman**—This new variety is largely advertised and is a favorite with a great many. The cob is remarkably small giving great depth to the kernel while in delicious quality it is equal to any other sort. For the family garden nothing can surpass Country Gentleman as it combines all the good qualities found in any corn, is medium early, has large sized ears, and above everything, delicious flavor. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Stowell's Improved Evergreen**—This well known variety is more largely planted by private families, gardeners and canners. My stock is the very best being all selected with great care and I claim it is just as good as what is advertised by some seedsmen as an improvement on Stowell's Evergreen. There certainly is no stock of Stowell's Improved Evergreen that is superior to my famous "Improved". It is the very best for a main crop. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Black Mexican**—Acknowledged by all to be the sweetest corn grown. Not quite as early as some, but exceedingly sweet, sugary and delicious. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Improved Ne Plus Ultra**—Has been advertised under the name of Little Gem, Shoe Peg, Quaker Sweet, &c. It is absolutely pure and one ear in a fair sample of the crop. Each ear is from 5 to 7 inches long and each stalk produces from 3 to 5 ears. It matures a little earlier than Stowell's Evergreen. Per pkt. 6c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

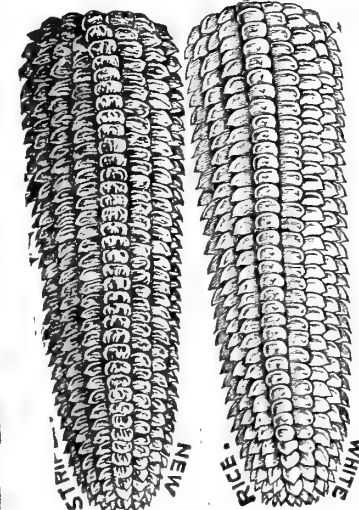
**POP CORN.** I offer the finest varieties of Pop Corn in cultivation and everyone should include a little of this seed with their order.

**Mapledale Prolific**—This is a remarkable variety and is the greatest yielding sort ever found among Pop Corn. Stalks grow about 5 ft. high and it is claimed that as many as 12 ears have been produced on a single stalk. Popping qualities are excellent, always pure white and of good flavor. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Queen's Golden**—A beautiful golden color. Excellent for popping. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**Mills' Striped Rice**—A clear transparent white and each kernel is striped with bright crimson. Ears are of good size and pointed, resembling White Rice.

**Golden Tom-Thumb**—Smallest Pop Corn grown, growing only about 18 inches high, and produces from 2 to 4 perfect little ears, each ear from 2 to 2½ inches long, with kernels of a bright golden yellow, which when popped



**Tattooed Rice**—This is quite a novelty for Pop Corn. It is early, of a Rice type, color yellow being blotched and marked in various ways with tattooed black kernels. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.; ½ pt. 30c. postpaid.



**Golden Tom-Thumb.** expand to a large size. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.; 10 pkts. 50c.

**Silver Lace**—Grows from 5 to 6 ft. high, very productive, bearing from 3 to 4 ears to the stalk, each ear from 5 to 6 inches long, well filled with white grains. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

**Red Beauty**—A new variety recently introduced, very productive and a beautiful red in color and in every respect a first class Pop Corn. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid.

Ripens early. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 40c. postpaid.

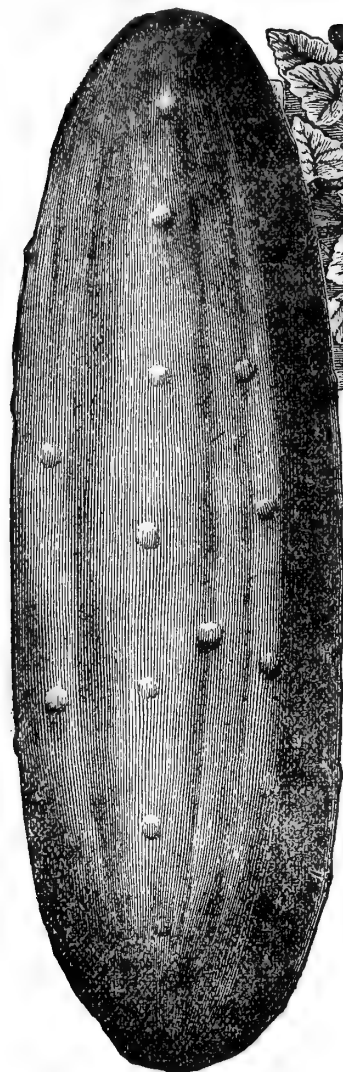
**White Rice**—This is a well known variety and the leading variety for market. My stock is extra selected. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**Mixed Pop Corn**—Is a great curiosity. Why not plant a pkt.? Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 30c. postpaid.



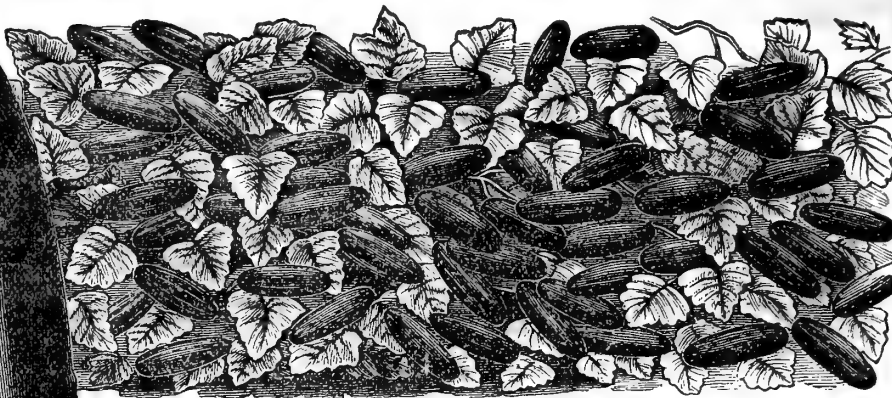
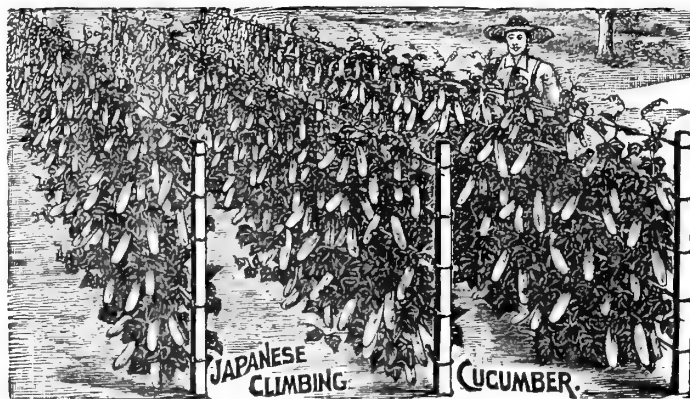
# CUCUMBERS.

I have the finest selection of Cucumbers that can be found in any seed catalogue and they are all reliable.



**Earliest Cucumber.**

**New Japanese Climbing.**—This is an excellent new variety and originally came from Japan. The young plants are bushy, but as soon as they become well established, begin to climb and may be grown on fences, poles or trellises. The engraving was made from a field of them growing for seed. The vines are of healthy, vigorous growth and they cling so tightly that they are not prostrated by heavy storms of wind or rain. They begin to bear early and continue to set fruit throughout the season. The fruit is from 12 to 15 inches in length and produces but very few seed, which makes them high in price. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.; oz. 20c.



inches high, fine for pickling. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

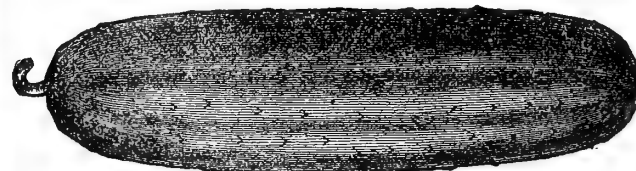
**White Wonder.**—A new variety just introduced and claims to be a wonder among white cucumbers. Handsome in appearance and of fine quality. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

**Giant Pera.**—A very fine cucumber for table use. Cucumbers set early very near the root and very close together. They grow very smooth and straight. The skin is medium green, perfectly smooth and free from spines. The flesh is white, crisp, tender, with very few seeds. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.

**Nichols Medium Green.**—Unequaled as a first-class pickling sort, and greatly praised as an early market variety, skin light green in color, very smooth and of fine quality. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 40c.

**Green Prolific or Boston Pickling.**—An excellent variety for pickling and is immensely productive. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 40c.

**New Goliath, Long Green.**—This is a mammoth variety, and should be planted, if nothing more, out of curiosity. The cucumbers are simply enormous. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.



**Peerless Improved White Spine Cucumber.**

5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 50c.

**New Extra Early Long Green.**—This is an improvement on the old well known variety and it will be much more liked for slicing, is extra early, and has been anxiously looked for, so I now take pleasure in offering it this season for the first time. It is a beautiful cucumber. Try it. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50c.

**Thorburn's New Everbearing.**—A splendid early variety fruits continually until killed by the frost. They are perfect in form, of a fine green color, and the small ones just the size for pickling. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

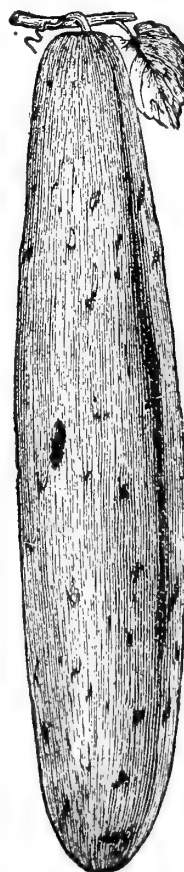


**Thorburn's New Everbearing.**

**New Albino.**—This is a new variety and is sure to become a favorite wherever planted. Private and market gardeners will do well to obtain a supply of this seed, and I earnestly urge all my friends, who have a kitchen garden, to give it a trial. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 50c.

## A FAVOR.

Should you receive more than one copy of this catalogue, kindly hand it to a friend who buys seeds and plants.



**New Extra Early Long Green.**

**Mills' Earliest.**—This is an excellent Early Cucumber, and cannot be praised too highly. It is one of the earliest varieties, of good size, and is unequaled as a table sort, and in productiveness it is remarkable. Fruit grows from 5 to 8 inches in length and from 2 to 3 inches in diameter, and the accompanying illustration is as exact an illustration as can be made. They are always handsome, being uniform, straight and of a rich green in color. The flesh is tender, crisp and of excellent flavor. While this Cucumber is especially adapted for early planting for the table, it is equally as good for pickling. Taking it all around there is no Cucumber in cultivation that can surpass Mills' Earliest. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.10.

**Hills Forcing White Spine.**—Very early and excellent for forcing purposes, being equally as good for outdoor culture. Excellent for customers in the South to raise for Northern markets. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

**Early Russian.**—This is one of the very earliest in cultivation, grows only about 3



**Improved Long Green.**—A well known variety, fruit grows from 12 to 20 inches long, and is one of the best for pickles, and when ripe the best for sweet pickles. Produces an abundance of fruit. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

**Improved Long Green.**





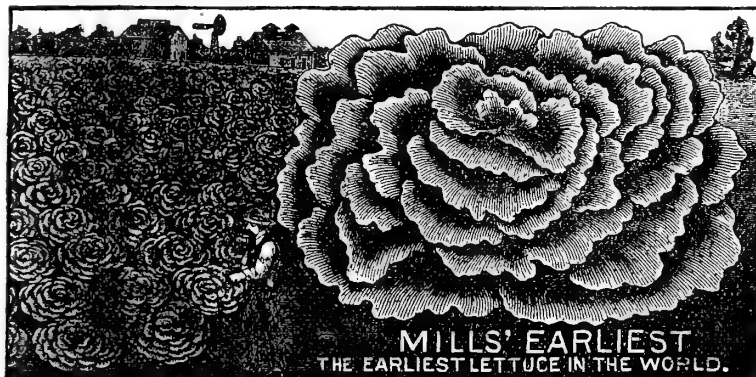
**White Pearl Cucumber.**

**White Pearl**—Entirely distinct in habit of growth, setting cucumbers close around the stem, (see cut) and maturing early, and afterwards the vines continue to run and bear throughout the season. They are a pearly white in color, even the young fruits are of a very light color and of splendid quality for slicing. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 35c.; lb. 55c.

**Mango Melon or Vegetable Peach**—Splendid novelty, very striking in color and a most wonderful yielder, of orange shape, and is of a bright orange color. For sweet pickles and preserving they are splendid. They are rapidly becoming very popular. Be sure to try this novelty and you will be pleased with the result. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 25c.



**LETTUCE**, My list contains all of the very best varieties. Prices are remarkably low and the seed is sent by mail postpaid at the prices quoted.



**Mills' Earliest**—This is the earliest lettuce in the world, beautiful flavor and shape, and will make more money for the market gardener than any other variety. It is a lettuce for early, for general crop or anytime and I do not think it can be improved. Makes heads very quickly and will please everyone who plants it. Be sure to give it a trial. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 25c.; oz. 25c.



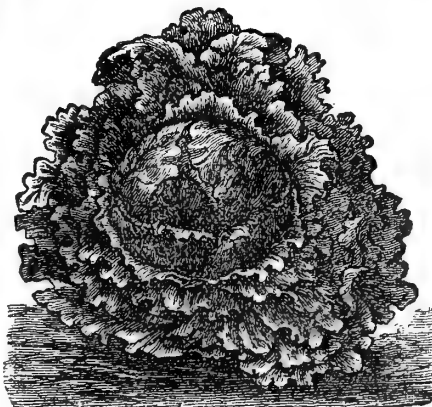
**Tomhannock Lettuce.**

**Golden Ball**—Heads are of an attractive golden color, excellent flavor, early and will stand a long time before running to seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50c.



**Golden Ball Lettuce.**

**New Hard Head**—Grows very readily, and heads extremely early. Unsurpassed in quality and beautiful appearance. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50c.



**New Hard Head Lettuce.**

**Improved Hanson**—A popular lettuce of hard heading stock. Heads green out side and white within, is sweet, crisp and tender, even to the outer leaves. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50c.

**Early Prize Head**—A good variety, quite early, forms heads, good flavored and slow to run to seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 40c.

**Early Curled Simpson**—With the exception of my Earliest it is one of the earliest for outdoor culture. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 40c.



**American Gathering Lettuce.**

**American Gathering**—The tops of the leaves are marked with red, differing from most other varieties. It is solid, crisp and of good quality. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50c.

**Denver Market**—Forms solid heads of delicate light green color, and the leaves are somewhat blistered like Savoy Cabbage, good for forcing or open ground, and slow to run to seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 40c.



## Wanted.

I want one person in each county in the United States and Canada to do a few days work for me. Any one, lady or gentleman, can do it and it is an excellent chance to make money. Send for full particulars at once before someone else gets the position. The work will more than please you.

Address, F. B. MILLS, ROSE HILL, N. Y.

John Kelley, Conn., writes, "The order you filled for me arrived in good condition and I am much pleased with same and when I want more see shall order from you."

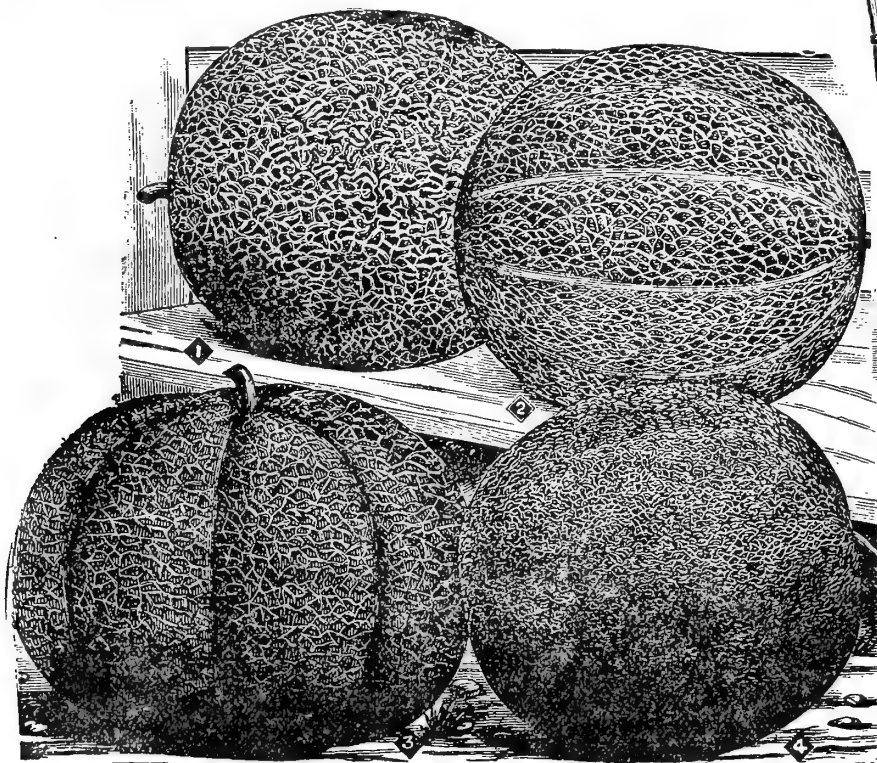
# MUSK MELONS, Offer only the very Best and at prices quoted, the seed is sent by mail postpaid. My new variety, the "Earliest" is a splendid sort to plant.

**Mills' Earliest**—This is the earliest Musk Melon that I know of and is sure to create a sensation wherever grown. It is even ahead of the Jenny Lind and in fact ahead of all the earliest Musk Melons offered. The melons are of uniform size, of fine shape and appearance extremely delicious and sell readily in any market. They are nearly round as may be seen by the beautiful illustration, of good size, finely netted while inside they are of a rich orange color and I venture to say the flesh is thicker than any other variety in cultivation, there being a very small seed cavity. As to flavor it takes the lead and is far ahead of anything else I have ever tested. It can be recommended alike for either home or market use and it has fully demonstrated that it deserves the name of Mills' Earliest. Nothing is so delicious as a really good early Musk Melon. I know that this the earliest, sweetest and most delicious Musk Melon, will please everybody growing it, whether growing one or two hills or whether growing 5 or 10 acres, if you have a market for early melons. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1-4 lb. 35c.; 1-2 lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.00.

**Netted Beauty**—Excellent early sort, completely covered with dense netting, entirely free from any tendency to rib. Flesh is pale green very thick and fine flavored. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 55c.

**Improved Jenny Lind**—This is a splendid early variety, and according to Dr. Harris, the best Musk Melon ever grown. It being very early makes it valuable to grow in the North. The vines are hardy in growth bearing abundantly handsome melons which are of a fine flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; lb. 65c.

## Basket of Mills' Earliest.



**Cosmopolitan**, (cut 1.)—The most handsome of the green flesh melons, fruit slightly oval but nearly round without ribs, uniform size, rich and sweet flavored. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Tip Top**, (cut 2.)—Very distinct in appearance and those who have grown it say it stands at the very tip top for quality. It is productive, sweet, juicy, fine flavored, and in order to know what a good melon it is, it should be grown by all who are fond of Musk Melon. When other kinds bring from 10 to 20c. each on the market, Tip Top sells readily at double that amount. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Perfection or Princess** (cut 3.)—Is of nutmeg shape, quite large size, weighing from 6 to 8 lbs. each. Skin dark green color, heavily netted. Flesh is of a scarlet color, very rich and sweet flavored. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 50c.

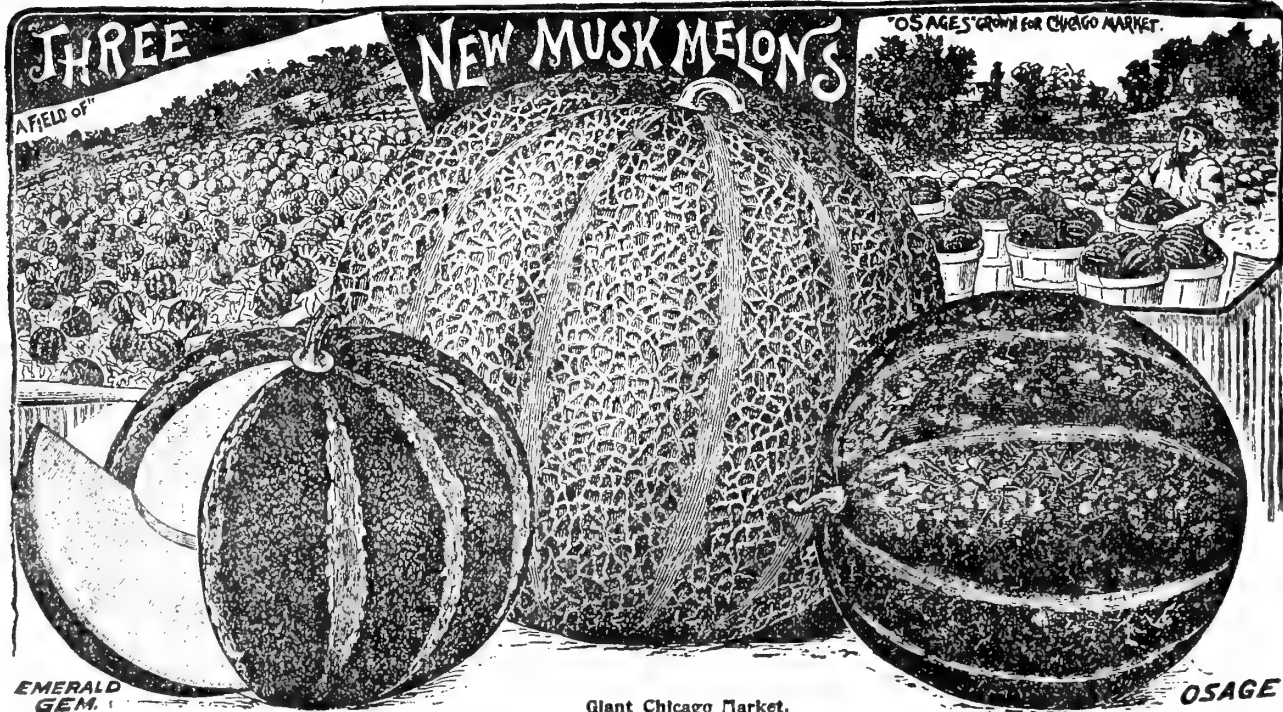
**Melrose**, (cut 4.)—One of the best melons for home and market. Flesh is thick, light green in color. Melons are oval, densely netted, averaging about 4 lbs. each, good flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Montreal Market**—Largest round Melon in the world weighing from 30 to 40 lbs. each, slightly ribbed, ripens early and keeps a long time. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

**Champion Market**—Very uniform in size, flesh light green in color and has a rich sweet flavor, medium early and ripens up evenly. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

**Shumways Giant**—Mammoth size, cream yellow, very early, sweet and delicious with fine melting thick salmon color flesh. Never stringy. Pure stock direct from grower. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Netted Gem**—Very uniform, weighing from 1½ to 2½ lbs. thick meated, flesh light green in color, skin green, regularly ribbed, thickly netted, very prolific and extra early; in ripening. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.



**Emerald Gem**—One of the very best. Skin is smooth, of emerald green in color. Vines grow thrifty and produce an abundance of melons nearly to the root. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Osage or Miller's Cream**—Flesh of a rich scarlet color, very thick, sweet and melting in quality, rind is thin and finely netted, early and very productive. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; lb. 55c.

**Giant Chicago Market**—Largest of all musk melons. Flesh is rich and sugary. It will please everyone who plants it. For shipping it has no superior. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; lb. 75c.

**Bayview**—Grows large, very productive, strong vigorous grower, average weight from 10 to 15 lbs. each. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

EMERALD GEM

Giant Chicago Market.

OSAGE





**Mills' Earliest**—This is absolutely the earliest water melon known and is sure to be first in the market. It is of the most delicious flavor, very juicy and sweet and is splendid for family use as a few vines yield many early melons. Everybody should try this new early water melon. It is the melon to plant if you are in a climate where the seasons are short for it will ripen where other varieties will not. It is certainly a splendid melon for every purpose. Just the size for family use. The flesh is deep red in color and exceedingly brittle. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1-4 lb. 30c.; 1-2 lb. 50c.; 1 lb. 80c.

**White Gem**—Perfectly round in shape, weighing from 15 to 20 lbs. each, of a beautiful creamy white color. Flesh is bright pink. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; 1 lb. 40c.

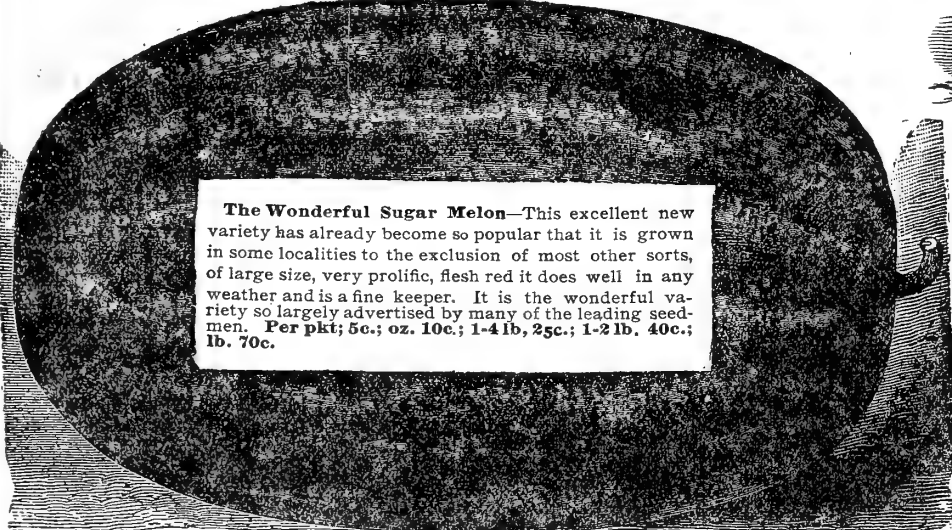
**Ruby Gold**—Flesh is solid, pure golden yellow, variegated with streaks and always of a bright pink or rich ruby red. Medium early, and always sure to give a good crop. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**Hungarian Honey**—Color a dark green, flesh bright red, of rich honey flavor, medium size and ripens early. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**New Favorite**—Flesh bright red, excellent for shipping and buyers will have no other when they can obtain this. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

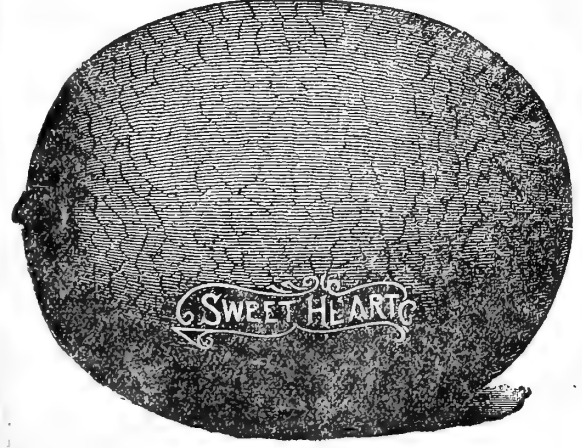
**Golden Honey**—This is of medium size of a beautiful golden color, very early, sweet and one of the most delicious and all one could wish for family use. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 75c.

**Hoosier King**—Oblong shape of an even diameter, flesh is a brilliant red, very solid and sweet, an excellent variety for shipping long distances. Always of large size. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 75c.



**The Wonderful Sugar Melon**—This excellent new variety has already become so popular that it is grown in some localities to the exclusion of most other sorts, of large size, very prolific, flesh red it does well in any weather and is a fine keeper. It is the wonderful variety so largely advertised by many of the leading seedmen. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1-4 lb. 25c.; 1-2 lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 70c.

**Sweet Heart**—This grand new melon is one of the earliest large handsome, good keeper; fruit large, rind thick but firm



ripens early, flesh very bright red, solid and thick. All melon growers should plant it. Per pkt. 5c. oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.

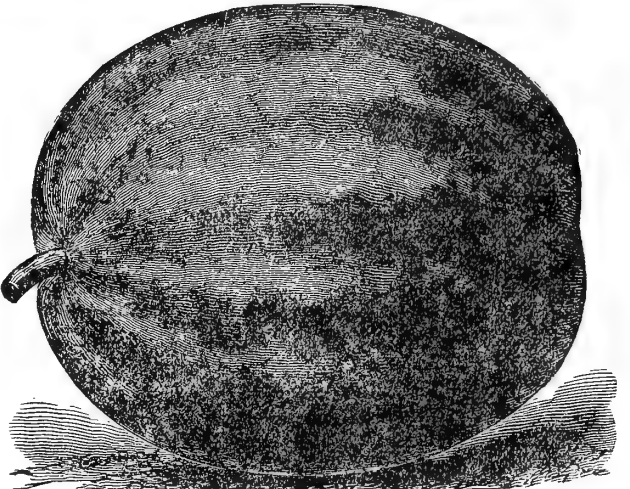
Some seedsmen offer packets of seeds at 3 and 4 cts. a packet but that is not any saving when you only get that amount of seed. I sell nearly all kinds at 5 cts a packet and I give 5 cts. worth of seed in a packet every time. My prices was never lower and I am going to sell more seed at a lower price this year than any seedsmen in America. Read what I say on second page cover.

# WATER MELONS. 1 of fer the

very best varieties of Water Melons, the seed being saved from extra selected specimens.

**Nabob**—This is a new, distinct and beautiful variety which produces large fruit weighing from 30 to 50 lbs. each. The rind although thin is as firm as some of the winter squashes. Two average sized men have stood their whole weight on a Nabob weighing 30 lbs. without cracking the rind or injuring the melon. The fruit keeps long in good condition. Flesh deepest scarlet, firm and solid and of the richest flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 75c.

**Citron**—Fruit round handsome and small, used for making preserves only. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.



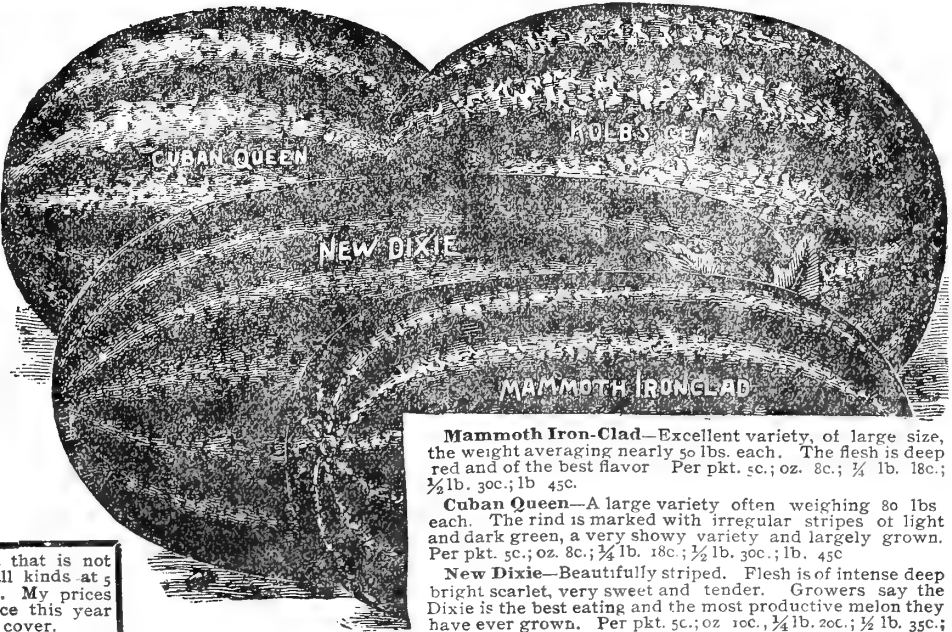
**Fordhook Early.**

**Fordhook Early**—This is one of the very earliest water melons. The introducer says that from seed planted the 10th of May, large ripe melons were picked the last week in July. The average weight is from 35 to 40 lbs. each. Color medium green, flesh bright red and very sweet. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 55c.

## See Here a Minute.

Did you know that "SUCCESS WITH THE GARDEN" as offered on third page of cover is just the paper you ought to have. It is published for the benefit of every person who have a garden of any kind. The Secretary of Agriculture writes that he wishes it could be read by every household of the rural population of the United States.

**Kolb's Gem**—Largely grown in the South for shipments to Northern markets, fruit nearly round, rind dark green marbled with lighter stripes. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 45c.



**Mammoth Iron-Clad**—Excellent variety, of large size, the weight averaging nearly 50 lbs. each. The flesh is deep red and of the best flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 45c.

**Cuban Queen**—A large variety often weighing 80 lbs. each. The rind is marked with irregular stripes of light and dark green, a very showy variety and largely grown. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 45c.

**New Dixie**—Beautifully striped. Flesh is of intense deep bright scarlet, very sweet and tender. Growers say the Dixie is the best eating and the most productive melon they have ever grown. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 50c.

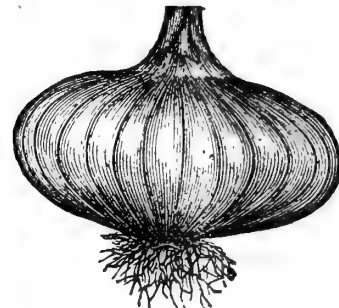
# MILLS' RELIABLE ONION SEED, 1897.

**NEW CUSTOMERS** should remember that Mills' reliable Onion Seed is only grown from carefully hand sorted and selected bulbs, is always of high germinating quality and of unusual vigor of growth. My Onion Seed has a reputation in almost every prominent Onion growing district in America, unsurpassed by any other house in the trade.

**I** TAKE pride in the record of my fine strains of onions. Good onion seed is of the utmost importance, and with no vegetable—with perhaps a single exception of the cabbage—does the value of the crop raised depend more strictly on the quality of the seed than the onion. I know I have as fine stock as usual to offer this season, and from the fact that customers a few years ago purchased a few pounds now use several hundred pounds of my seed is the best evidence that it is reliable. Gardeners in the South as well as in the Eastern, Middle and Western States can grow full size onions the first year from the black seed, and for this purpose 4 to 5 pounds of seed are required per acre. To raise small sets 50 to 60 pounds of seed per acre are required, and for this purpose I would recommend Yellow Danvers, Yellow Dutch or Strasburg, White Silver Skin, White Globe, and Extra Early Red. The following prices are by mail postpaid.

## Yellow Dutch or Strasburg.

Bulbs good size and quite flat; skin yellow but a darker color than the Danvers, flesh white,



of mild flavor, and keeps well; excellent for growing sets. Per pkt 5c.; oz 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 45c.; 1 lb. 80c.

## YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.

**My choicest strain** As shown by the illustration this is the finest strain of Yellow Globe Danvers Onion in cultivation. It is a splendid variety and more largely planted for the markets than any other kind. They grow uniformly, large size, small necks, and are certainly the handsomest yellow onion grown and commands the highest price in market. My stock is raised with particular care and none but the very best onions being selected for seed stock. The color of the skin is a rich golden yellow, flesh white, very fine grained, mild and pleasant flavor, and an excellent keeper, and it is one of the most hardy and productive onions in cultivation. Any onion grower, market gardener, or in fact any person that cultivates a garden and grows a few onions cannot afford to plant inferior seed when such a fine strain as this can be had. I have a fine lot of seed to offer this season, plump and heavy, of strong vitality and reliable in every respect. I can recommend it both for growing sets and large onions the first year from the black seed, and would advise my customers to place their orders as early as possible, as I am generally short of seed in the spring on account of the enormous demand for this popular sort. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 45c.; 1 lb. 80c.

## Yellow Danvers.

This is a splendid onion for the market and family use, but not quite so globe-shaped as the Globe Danvers, excellent for growing sets; produces large crops, and always brings a good price in market. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 22c.; ½ lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 75c.

## GOOD SEED

### versus "CHEAP."

For several seasons dealers have been reducing the price of onion seed, and after a careful investigation I find that tons and tons of seed is imported from Europe to meet the demand. This imported seed cannot be relied upon. Sometimes in a favorable season it may bottom but again the same seed will run almost to Stiff Necks and Scallions. Now I wish to call the attention of my customers to the fact that I never import any onion seed of American varieties. It is all American grown and can be relied upon. When you get onion seed at from 60 to 70 cts. per lb. and a great deal for less, you may be sure it is imported seed; and as my trade has been increasing every year, I cannot afford to offer my customers anything but the very best. *All my prices this year are lower than last and just as low as I can possibly sell reliable seed.* Such sharp competition has driven many dealers to resort to foreign seed in order to reduce the price and catch the orders, but they never get them the second time.

**Large Red Wethersfield**—This is the most popular of Red Onions, of large size and fine form, as shown by the beautiful engraving. Skin deep purplish red, flesh purplish white, moderately fine grained, and stronger in flavor than the yellow and white onions. For general purposes there is no red onion in this country so largely grown. It is very productive and good for shipping, and an excellent keeper. There are many strains of this celebrated onion offered, but none can surpass my famous stock of this popular variety. One to two-pound onions from seed the first year are frequent occurrences, scallions being almost unknown in an ordinary season with favorable soil and cultivation. Price of best stock: Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 30c.; ½ lb. 55c.; 1 lb. \$1.00.

FROM A  
PHOTOGRAPH.

Mills' Yellow Globe Danvers.  
(Best Strain.)

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## IT IS DANGEROUS

To buy Onion Seed because it is cheap. I know that good seed, perfectly reliable in every respect, cannot be sold any cheaper than my prices.

I have more Onion Seed than any Seedsman in America and I propose to sell it at cost rather than carry any over.

If you wish a 5c. packet or 1000 pounds you will get my choicest stock every time. If you want a quantity send for my Planters' Wholesale Catalogue issued for \$5.00 buyers.

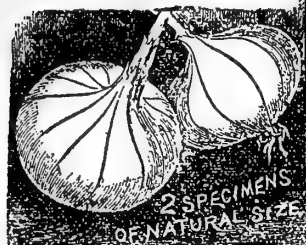
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# TWO SPLENDID ONIONS, Mills' White Pickling and Eureka Early Red Globe.



**Mills' White Pickling.**—This is the earliest onion in cultivation. At maturity the tops die down directly to the bulb, leaving the nicest little bulb imaginable, pure white in color, very delicate and mild in flavor. For table use and pickling it is the most valuable; and my customers will surely be more than pleased with this handsome little onion. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 50c.; ½ lb. 85c.; lb. \$1.60.

**Mills' Eureka Early Red Globe.**—This is one of the handsomest small red onions in cultivation, very early, perfect globe shape, and at least ten days earlier than any other Red Globe Onions. Grows very even in size, very showy and attractive, and certainly should be called the king of the earliest red onions. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 50c.; ½ lb. 85c.; lb. \$1.60.

## Mills' White Pickling.



**New White Queen**  
—The bulbs are small, flat, pure white and of excellent flavor. Sown in February they will produce onions 1 to 2 inches in diameter early in summer; sown in summer they will be ready late in autumn; excellent for pickling. Those who want handsome little white onions should plant this variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 35c.; ½ lb. 65c.; lb. \$1.25.



Mills' Eureka Red Globe.

Mills' New White Queen.

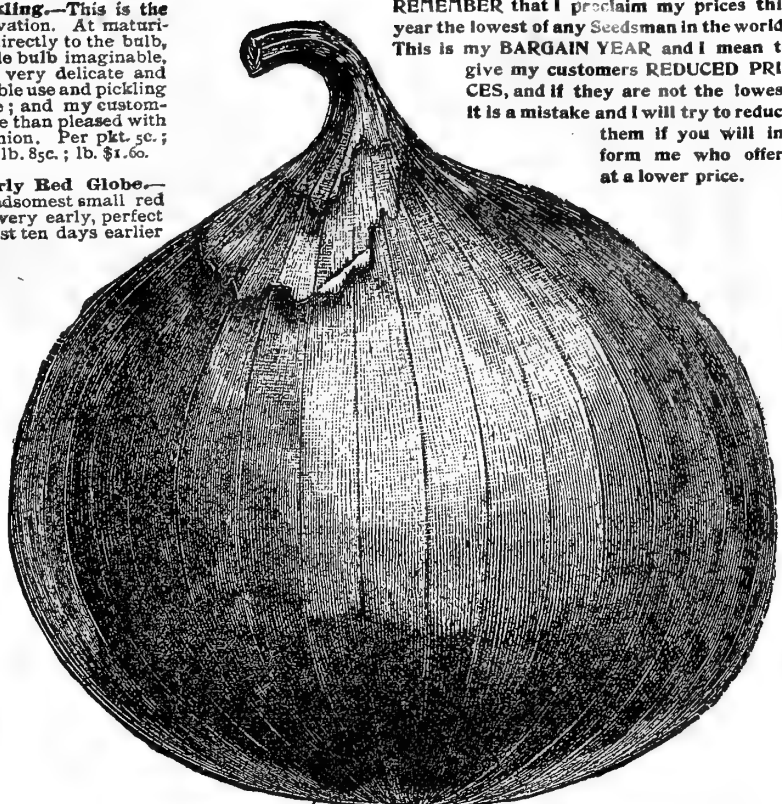
J. N. DURRETT, W. Va. writes: "To say that I am well pleased with your seeds is to express it mildly. My neighbors planted three or four times as many seeds per acre, and bought them from other Seedsmen, and had to plow them up. Your corn and Banner beans pleased me. My neighbors will want Your Seeds next year."



**Mammoth Red Pompeii.**—This magnificent mammoth onion originated in Italy. It is very fine quality, and has produced onions weighing 2½ to 3 lbs. from black seed the first year. Notwithstanding their enormous size their shape is always round and symmetrical, as shown by the beautiful engraving. Their skin is very thick and delicate in appearance, and it is a beautiful reddish brown in color. Flesh is pure white, very fine grained and remarkably mild and pleasant in flavor. In sections where onions can be sown during the autumn this variety, if transplanted in April, will attain larger size than almost any other variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 35c.; ½ lb. 65c.; lb. \$1.25.

**Mammoth Silver King.**—This variety grows very large. Bulbs are of an attractive shape, flattened but thick through, as shown in the engraving, average diameter 5 to 7 inches, bulbs often weigh 2½ to 4 lbs. each. Skin is beautifully silver white, flesh is particularly mild and pleasant flavor. It can be grown in nearly all sections of the United States from seed the first year. Anyone desiring the largest and handsomest white onions, of the finest flavor, will be more than satisfied with the Mammoth Silver King. It cannot be too highly recommended, either for family use, for exhibition at fairs, restaurants, or for sale at markets, where its size and beauty will prove very striking. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 40c.; ½ lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.40.

REMEMBER that I proclaim my prices this year the lowest of any Seedsmen in the world. This is my BARGAIN YEAR and I mean to give my customers REDUCED PRICES, and if they are not the lowest it is a mistake and I will try to reduce them if you will inform me who offers at a lower price.

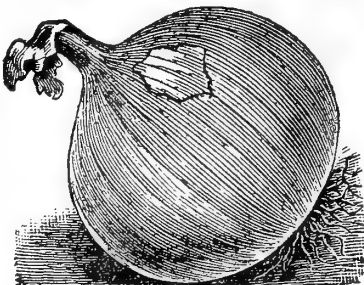


Prize Taker Onion, American Grown.

**The Prize Taker.**—A fine large variety and hard to excel if you get the genuine American grown Prize Taker. It is large and handsome, of superior quality and grows uniform in size, nearly a perfect globe, as shown in the illustration, with thin skin of a clear bright straw color, and attains an enormous size, of ten measuring from ten to fifteen inches in circumference. Of good keeping quality, and I will guarantee to supply you the genuine American grown Prize Taker at the following prices. Do not plant imported seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 40c.; ½ lb. 75c.; lb. \$1.45.

**CAUTION!** Repeated trials induce me to caution purchasers against imported Prize Taker, as it is inferior to true American grown.

**Southport White Globe.**—One of the handsomest white onions, skin pure white, is of a globe shape in form, fine grained, mild flavor and keeps well. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 50c.; ½ lb. 60c.; lb. \$1.75.

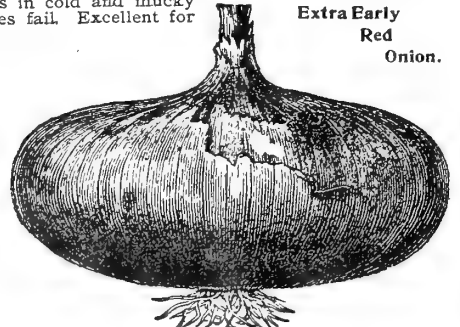


Southport White Globe.

**White Portugal or Silver Skin.**—A well know variety and a great favorite with market gardeners and truckers; flavor mild and pleasant; skin silvery white and of handsome appearance. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 50c.; ½ lb. 85c.; lb. \$1.60.

**Extra Early Red.**—Matures unusually early, yields abundantly, of mild flavor, good keeper, medium size, deep red in color, solid, and will often form bulbs in cold and mucky soil, where other varieties fail. Excellent for the North and Northwest. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 30c.; ½ lb. 50c.; lb. 90c.

Extra Early Red Onion.



## SAFE INVESTMENT For 1897.

Invest \$5 in MILLS' ONION SEED and clear from \$500 to \$800 this year. It is a safe deal, and if well cared for you are sure of a handsome income. Onions will command good prices the fall of 1897.

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I can furnish Red, Yellow, White, and mixed Bottom Onion Sets at the following prices by mail postpaid:

Red,	4 Qts.	75c.	Qt. 25c.	Pt. 15c.	1-2 Pt. 8c.
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White,	4 "	75c.	" 25c.	" 15c.	" 8c.
Mixed,	4 "	75c.	" 25c.	" 15c.	" 8c.

50 DAYS FROM PLANTING.

# SEED PEAS,

MILLS' CHOICE NORTHERN GROWN STOCK.

(Those Marked With a \* are Wrinkled Varieties.)

If you want a quality of seed peas or anything else, do not fail to send for my **Planters' Wholesale Catalogue**. It will save you money.

**\*Bliss' Everbearing**—Grows 18 inches to 2 ft. high, pods are from 3 to 4 inches long, of very large size and peas are of the finest quality. It is an everbearing variety and has a peculiar branching character forming as high as ten stalks from a single root stalk. It is certainly a grand pea. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**\*Stratagem**—Produce immense pods and the vines branch just on the surface of the soil and grow to a height of from 2 to 2½ ft., very hardy and prolific. Pods are large, which are filled with good size peas of a delicious melting quality. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**Mills' First of All**—The best extra early pea. This variety is unequalled for yield, size of pod, regularity of growth. Height about 2½ ft., and produces pods of good size, which are well filled with smooth, round white peas, and ripens so evenly as not to require more than two pickings to clear the crop. It is the best extra early smooth pea grown. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 40c.

**\*Little Gem**—Very dwarf and productive wrinkled variety and is truly a gem, nearly as early as the American Wonder. It requires no bushing. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**\*Advancers**—An early wrinkled sort, very popular in many sections, of excellent quality, grows from 2 to 3 ft. in height and is very prolific. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**\*Pride of the Market**—Grows 18 to 20 inches high, immensely productive. Pods are large in size, of handsome appearance, and are of such a fine quality that it would be difficult to overpraise it. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

**Pride of the Garden, Golden Sugar**—This splendid variety has proved itself worthy of a place in every garden. I have grown it for ten years and have found no other sugar pea that will compare with it. In the first place they are of much better flavor than other sugar peas. They are what the name indicates, Golden Sugar, are entirely free from strings and are very tender and brittle. Grow from 3½ to 4 ft. high, of very stout growth and vines are covered with pods. They are earlier than most any other sugar pea, and a good sugar pea is almost unknown in this country. They are used in the same way as Snap or string beans and after once grown, no one will be without them. I offer the genuine seed for I control the entire stock and you should order direct from headquarters. Per pkt. 10c.; ½ pt. 18c.; pt. 30c.; qt. 50c.

**\*New Pea, Juno**—This is a splendid dwarf main crop, wrinkled marrow pea, enormously prolific and of the very best flavor. It grows about 2 ft. in height, requiring little or no bushing, though it is greatly helped by it. The vines are laden with pods, which are produced in abundance and the pods contain from 7 to 9 peas of the finest quality. It possesses the merit of preserving its tenderness and good flavor long after it is young and also retain its attractive dark green color when ready for the table. You should give this splendid pea a trial. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 45c.

**\*Nott's Excelsior**—This is the greatest pea novelty in existence fully as early as the American Wonder and can be counted on as a first-class variety in every respect. My customers have had it fit for table use time after time 55 days from planting with the most ordinary cultivation. They grow to a uniform size, height about 1 foot and is at all times very tender and of fine quality. The demand has been so great the seed has been very scarce for several years. My customers should all plant this excellent variety. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 15c.; pt. 25c.; qt. 45c.

**\*American Wonder**—Superior quality and earliness combined with habit of growth makes this one of the very best wrinkled peas in cultivation. Of dwarf robust habit, producing a profusion of good size well filled pods. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.



**Champion of England**—A well known variety and acknowledged to be one of the best for late sowing. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 10c.; pt. 18c.; qt. 30c.

Telephone Peas.

**\*Telephone**—Pods are very large, well filled with large peas, which are tender, sweet and of excellent flavor. Grows 3½ to 4 ft. high and is immensely productive. The stock that I offer is prolific and has been carefully selected. Per pkt. 8c.; ½ pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.

## A PRESENT WITH EVERY ORDER THIS YEAR.

Please read my special letter sent with this catalogue and I know you will be interested enough to send in at least a trial order whether you are a regular customer or not, for every order received before May 15th will be entitled to some present. These presents consist of rare novelties never offered, also yearly subscriptions to good periodicals, handsome paintings of every description, good reliable watches and a great many things that are sure to please anyone. Have you read this special letter? If you have not or do not find one in your catalogue, write for one at once.

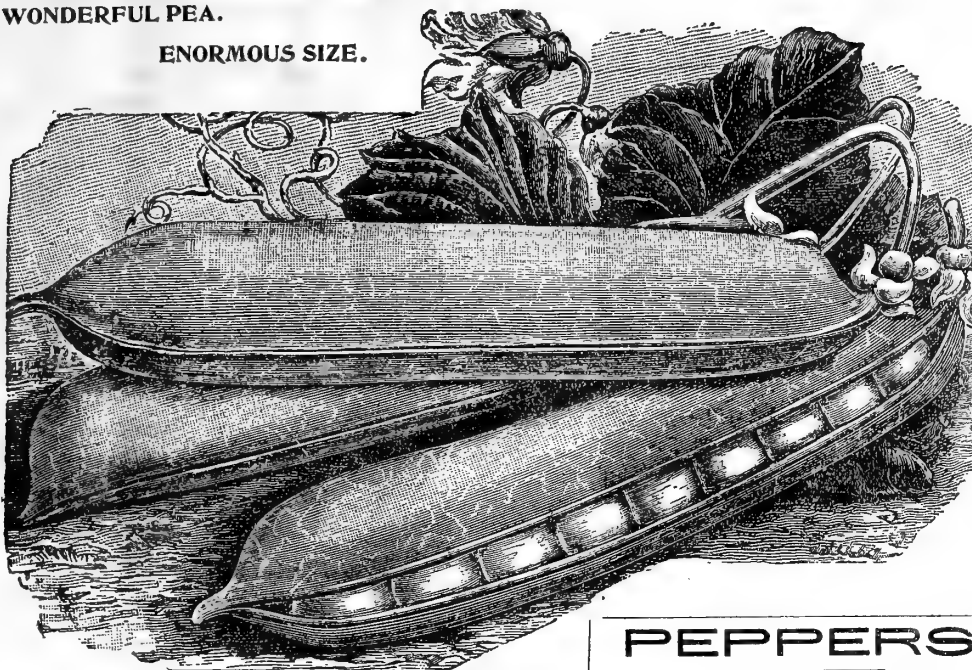
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ENORMOUS SIZE.



## PEPPERS.

**Black Nubian**—Unlike any other variety. Peppers are a deep blue-black. The color of the plant is also blue, bearing deep purple flowers. The peppers are never green from the time they are first formed until full size, always of the same black color, and when ripe turn to a rich maroon. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Bell or Bull Nose**—Early red variety, large size, mild flavor, thick and fleshy. One of the best for pickling. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Long Red Cayenne (true)**—Long fruits of conical shape, very red in color and the flesh is strong. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Golden Upright**—Produces its fruit upright on stiff stems of a rich golden color, slightly tinged with bronze when exposed to the sun. Flavor mild. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 12c.; oz. 20c.

**Kaleidescope**—Produces fruit about the size of a hickory nut. From the time the peppers form until fully grown they are of a slightly creamy color but when fully grown they commence to change color, first to a lovely yellow, then to a deep orange, then to a rose or pink and so on through the different stages until they are an intense scarlet. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

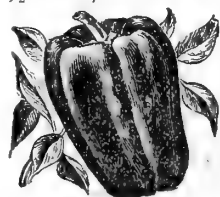
**Red Etna**—An excellent branching variety and bears from 10 to 12 peppers on a plant, a rich dark scarlet in color, of sweet mild flavor and of convenient size, about 3 inches long and 1½ inches thick. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.



**Procopp's Giant**—As shown by the illustration it is covered with peppers, and grows to a very large size. I have seen peppers measuring from 8 to 9 inches long. They are just mild enough to be pleasant to the taste. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 12c.; oz. 20c.



**New Celestial**—Grows from 1½ to 2 feet high and branches in perfect form as shown by the illustration. Up to the time they are fully grown they are a rich creamy yellow and when ripe they turn to an intense scarlet red. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.



Ruby King.

**Ruby King**—Largest and handsomest of the red varieties. Fruits from 5 to 6 inches long, of a bright red color, mild and pleasant flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 12c.; oz. 20c.



**Mammoth Golden Queen**—One of the largest, handsomest and most productive, perfect shape, of uniform large size and mild flavor, of a golden waxy yellow color. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 12c.; oz. 20c.

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## PARSNIPS.

**Long Smooth or Hollow Crown**—One of the oldest and best varieties in cultivation, white, tender and of excellent flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; lb. 35c.

**The Student**—An excellent new variety of mild flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; lb. 35c.

**Magnum Bonum**—Very smooth, large at the crown, tapering at the point, of the true Hollow Crown type. They are free from fiber and the leaves start from the center instead of spreading all over the top; a favorite with many gardeners. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

## SALSIFY or VEGETABLE OYSTER.

The best variety grown, of large size, fully double the size and weight of roots of the old varieties. Leading variety among market gardeners and private gardens. Notwithstanding they are of an enormous size they are of superior quality and delicate flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 45c.; lb. 80c.

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## RHUBARB or PIE PLANT.

**Large Victoria**—Very large, quick growth, of fine flavor, and is the standard variety. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 30c.; ½ lb. 50c.; lb. 90c.

## PARSLEY.

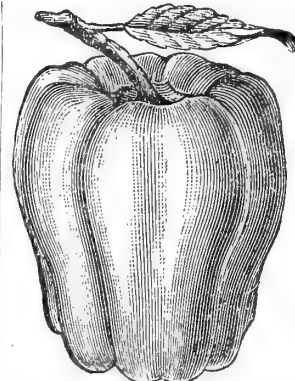
**Champion Moss Curled**—A selected variety beautifully curled. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 40c.

**Henderson's Emerald**—Distinct in appearance, being of a light brilliant shade of green, dwarf in growth and the leaves finely cut and curled. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 18c.; ½ lb. 30c.; lb. 45c.

## EGG PLANT.

**New York Improved Large Purple**—The leading variety, skin deep purple and free from thorns. Flesh white and very productive. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 20c.; oz. 30c.

**Black Pekin**—Nearly round, fruit of large size, skin jet black glossy and smooth, flesh white, solid and fine grain, medium early. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.



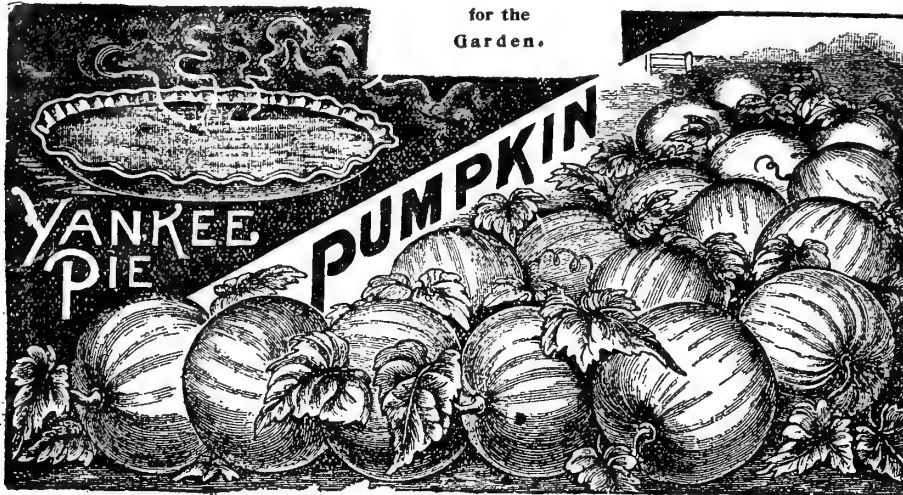
**Golden Dawn**—Color of a bright yellow very productive, flavor is very mild and can be eaten as readily as an apple. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.



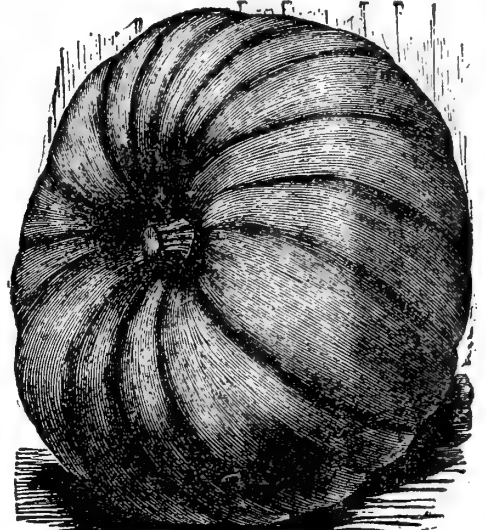
# PUMPKINS.

My list of Pumpkins includes all the best varieties and prices are remarkably low considering the extra care that is taken in selecting the seed. The prices quoted are by mail postpaid.

A Splendid Variety  
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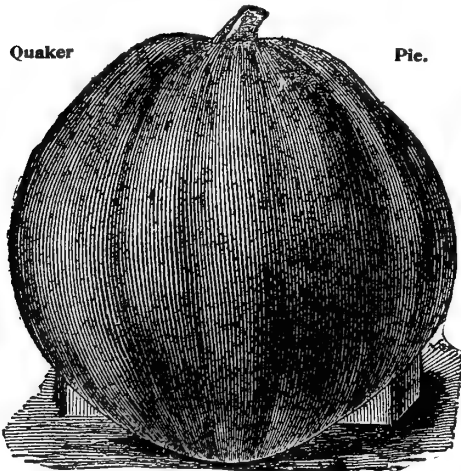
**King of the Mammoth.**—Also called True Pot Iron, Mammoth Yellow and Jumbo of California. It is the largest pumpkin grown and often attains an enormous weight. Flesh and skin are a bright orange yellow, fine grained and of good quality. Have been grown to weigh from 100 to 200 lbs. each. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.



**Yankee Pie Pumpkin.**—This splendid pumpkin has been produced through careful selection of sugar varieties. The pumpkin is not large but of a delightful quality, just the quality to make excellent pies, and I am sure that no pumpkin ever introduced has given more genuine pleasure to my customers than this Yankee Pie. I know this variety will give you great satisfaction. It is extremely early, remarkably prolific, yielding 6 to 12 medium sized pumpkins to a vine, fine grain, sweet, sugary, and the earliest pie pumpkin I know of. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 40c.; 1 lb. 65c.

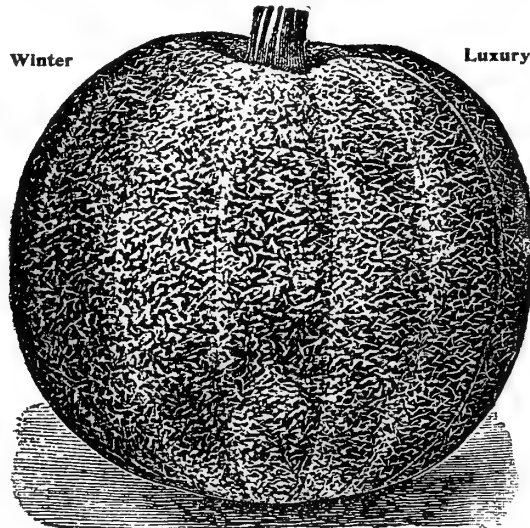
**New Japanese Pie.**—A wonderful variety from Japan, and is one of the most valuable cooking pumpkins. Flesh thick and of a rich salmon color, very solid and the seed cavity is very small in one end of the pumpkin; fine grained, dry and sweet, and is claimed to make pies as rich without eggs as other varieties do with. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.

Quaker



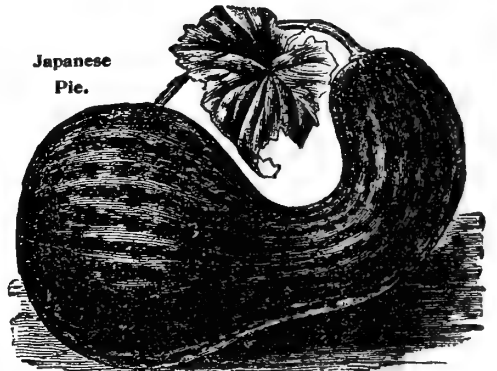
Pie.

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Pie.



**Small Sugar.**—Averages about 10 inches in diameter, and the skin is deep orange yellow, fine grained, sweet, excellent keeper and the best garden pumpkin. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**Tennessee Sweet Potato.**—Desirable for cooking purposes; color of skin creamy white, sometimes slightly tinged and striped with green; flesh creamy color, thick meat, remarkably fine grained, dry and brittle. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

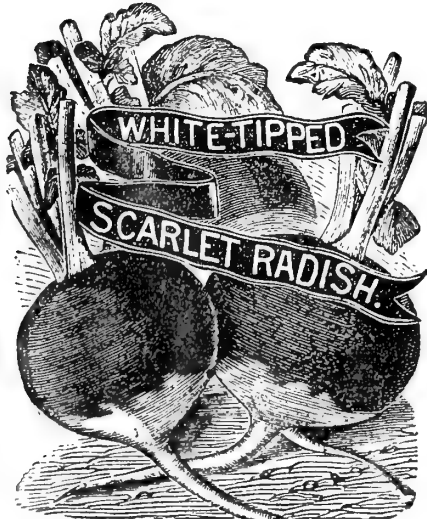
**Quaker Pie.**—Color a creamy white inside and out; flesh is sweet and rich, and an excellent keeper. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**Common Field.**—This variety is commonly known as Connecticut Field, and largely planted for stock feeding, very productive and easily grown. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; 1 lb. 40c.

**Winter Luxury.**—This is a beautiful pumpkin, finely netted, golden russet color, one of the best for pies, an excellent keeper, enormously productive, fine grain, rich, and very sweet. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.

**Nantucket or Negro.**—Skin is very dark green, almost black. Flesh thick and of a rich orange yellow, sweet and weighs generally from ten to fifteen pounds each, and will keep nearly a year. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

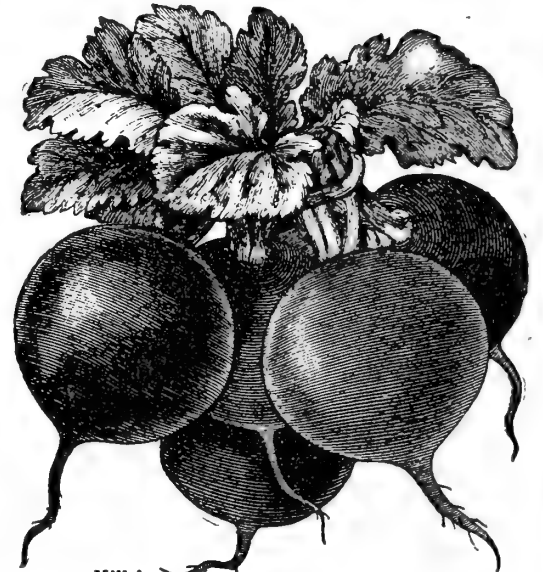
**New Calhoun.**—This is highly praised by all who have grown it. The outside color is a creamy brown and the inside flesh is a deep salmon yellow, wonderfully thick, fine grain and the seed cavity very small. Try this excellent pumpkin. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; ½ lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.



**RADISHES.** My list includes all the very best, and prices are low for first-class seed, and is sent by mail postpaid.

**Mills' Earliest.**—This is without doubt the earliest radish in cultivation, and from four to six days ahead of the varieties offered by many Seedsmen who are claiming to have the earliest. It is a beautiful variety, round form, with dark scarlet skin; very fine flavor, tender and surpasses all other strains of turnip radishes. I know of none of my vegetables that will pay the market gardener better or for the kitchen garden than **Mills' Earliest Radish.** It has short narrow leaves, making a very short top. It is my favorite variety and all my customers should plant it. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 25c.; ½ lb. 45c.; 1 lb. 75c.

**Early Scarlet Turnip, White Tipped.**—Here is a radish that is sure to please every one who plants it. It presents a beautiful appearance in market and is very popular. It is fine for forcing purposes, tender, crisp, mild and pleasant. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; ¼ lb. 15c.; ½ lb. 25c.; 1 lb. 40c.

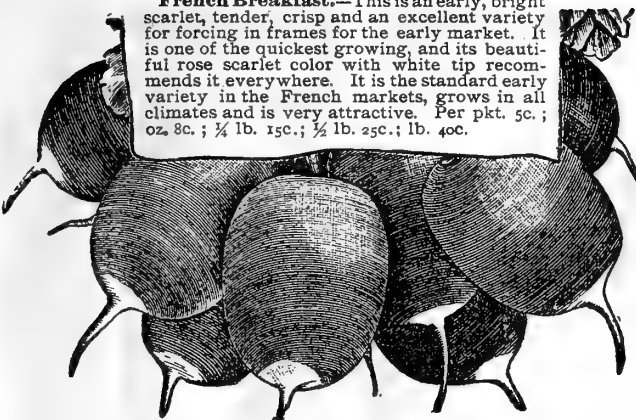


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Earliest.



**French Breakfast.**—This is an early, bright scarlet, tender, crisp and an excellent variety for forcing in frames for the early market. It is one of the quickest growing, and its beautiful rose scarlet color with white tip recommends it everywhere. It is the standard early variety in the French markets, grows in all climates and is very attractive. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**New White Lady Finger.**—Finest long white radish in cultivation. Of very rapid growth, remarkably crisp, brittle and tender. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**Early Round Dark Red.**—Deep dark red in color; very early and one of the best strains of extra scarlet turnip radishes in cultivation. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Brightest Scarlet.**—Entirely distinct, being a vivid scarlet tipped with snow white. The skin is very thin and flesh is crisp and brittle. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 55c.

**White Strasburg.**—Flesh is firm, brittle and tender, excellent for summer use as it grows quickly. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

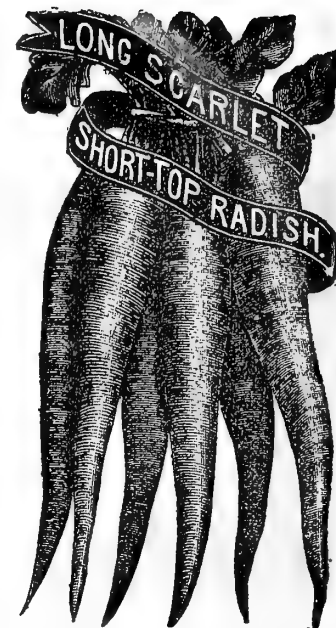
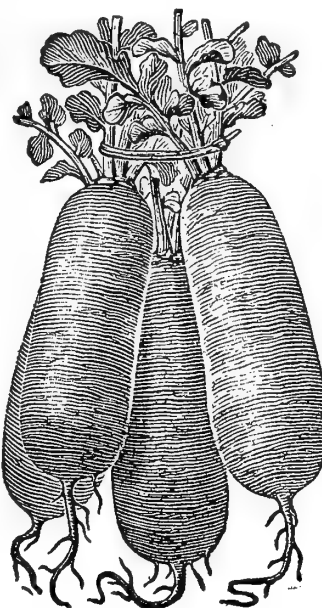
**Early Rosy Gem.**—Root deep scarlet blending into pure white at the bottom; exceedingly tender, never becoming hollow and pithy. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 45c.

**Early White Turnip.**—A grand summer variety, turniprooted with small top, and quick growth. Skin and flesh pure white, crisp and tender. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Rose Olive Shaped.**—Growth quick; rich carmine red in color. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**White Box.**—This new white turnipradish has a short top and grows rapidly; excellent for forcing or growing under glass in frames or boxes. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Chartiers or Shepherd.**—Color a crimson rose shaded off lighter until at the bottom they are quite white. Roots grow to large size, and they are undoubtedly the best all-season radish for open garden. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**Long Scarlet Short Top.**—Without doubt the very best long red radish; very early and the leading outdoor quick growing variety. Very brittle and the roots are bright red. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 45c.

**SQUASHES.** I offer all the best varieties in cultivation. Prices are by mail postpaid.

**Pike's Peak or Sibley Squash.**

**Pike's Peak or Sibley.**—As shown by the illustration this is an excellent squash. Skin green gray in color, thin and smooth. Matures at the same time as the Hubbard, and one of the best varieties for shipping, and of a rich golden orange color. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Essex Hybrid.**—One of the richest flavored, fine grained, and one of the very best keepers. Flesh thick, solid, and very productive. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Early Orange Marrow.**—Two weeks earlier than the Boston Marrow and much more productive. Skin is a deep, rich orange, flesh very thick and fine grained. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Improved Marblehead.**—An excellent keeper, fine grained and of good flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 45c.

**Faxon.**—A new variety and distinct from other squashes. When ripe some are pale yellow with yellows stripes in hollows, while others are green mottled and faintly striped lighter. It matures early and can be used as a summer squash. It is also a good winter variety, being a very late keeper and of excellent quality without regard to size or whether it is ripe or green. The flesh is of a deep orange yellow, and while uncooked it appears to have a shell like any other squash, yet when cooked there is practically none. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 55c.

**Mammoth Hubbard.**—This is another strain of the Hubbard squash, noted for its enormous size, and such stock is

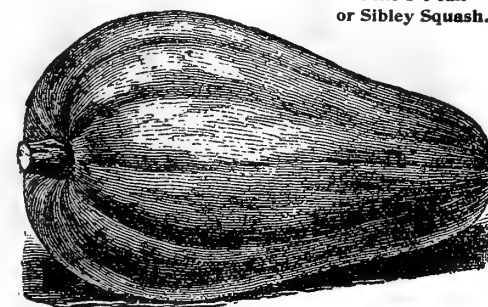
sure of being a good seller in any market no matter what the competition. The Mammoth Hubbard Squash is more attractive in market than the common variety. It is equal in every respect to the wellknown Hubbard. But where I claim it is superior is on account of its enormous size. If you want some enormous squashes, do not fail to plant this. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 45c.; lb. 75c.

**Golden Hubbard.**—Everyone knows what an excellent winter squash the Hubbard is and I am pleased to be able to offer my customers a strain of the genuine Golden Hubbard that I am confident will become a standard variety. It is of a bright deep orange yellow, exceedingly showy and attractive, fine grain, cooks very dry and of excellent flavor. In quality and productiveness it far excels the old variety. I hope all my customers will grow some Golden Hubbard Squashes. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 45c.; lb. 75c.

**Boston Marrow.**—A popular fall variety, thin skin and bright yellow in color. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Improved Hubbard.**—This is the standard winter variety, and too well known to need any description. It keeps perfectly throughout the winter, and is the most popular variety in cultivation. Sells well in all markets. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 18c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 30c.; lb. 50c.

Be sure to notice the **LIBERAL OFFERS** throughout this Catalogue. **DON'T WAIT ORDER TO-DAY.**



**Mammoth Chili.**—Form round, flattened at both stem and blossom end. Outer color rich orange yellow; skin quite smooth and very thick. I have grown specimens to weigh between 100 and 200 pounds, and they are certainly the largest squash in cultivation. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 35c.; lb. 60c.

**The Butman.**—Skin a bright cream intermingled with white, very smooth, fine grained, dry and sweet. Equal to the Hubbard, and is in its prime from October until January. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 45c.

**Mammoth Early White Bush Scallop.**—Beautiful white color. Grow to an immense size, of from 10 to 12 inches across. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 45c.

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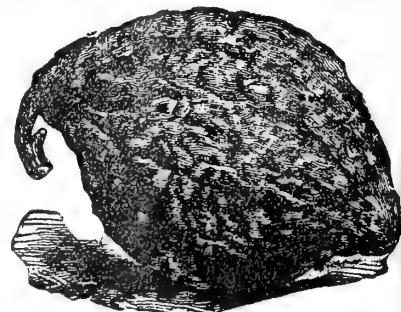


**Golden Summer Crookneck.**—Summer variety. Color bright yellow. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

I give away this year  
**ONE MILLION PACKETS**  
in extras with orders. Remember this  
is my  
**BARGAIN YEAR.**



Mammoth  
Hubbard.



Improved Hubbard Squash.

# ALL THE BEST AND EARLIEST VARIETIES OF TOMATOES IN CULTIVATION.

CUSTOMERS will please bear in mind that all of my Tomatoes are grown for seed only, and used for no other purpose. The seed I offer has all been obtained from the best specimens selected with great care, and is superior to much offered at low prices that has been collected at canneries, etc. Tomatoes are one of my greatest specialties and I offer all the best sorts. The trials at Fairview Farm are very large, and the descriptions of the following kinds can be relied upon.

**Ponderosa.**—Vines are strong and produce enormous size fruits. Skin is firm and it is a favorite among many. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 25c.; oz. 40c.

**Dwarf Champion.**—Dwarf and compact in growth, and plants grow stiff and upright with thick jointed stems; matures early and is quite productive. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Improved Extra Early Tree.**—This is an early variety, has dark green foliage and the plant is quite ornamental. It is largely planted by many who seem to prefer it in preference to others. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Mikado, or Turners' Hybrid.**—Enormously productive and ready for market very early. Foliage is different from that of any other, being more like the potato leaf. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Atlantic Prize.**—An extra early variety and a favorite among market gardeners and truckers, very solid and of good flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Long Keeper.**—Unsurpassed for keeping qualities, good shipper, early in ripening and very productive. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Golden Queen.**—This is the perfection of yellow tomatoes in size, smoothness, solidity, and productiveness. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**New Peach.**—About two inches in diameter, and in color a deep rose and golden amber, blended in an indistinguishable manner and all covered with the fuzz of a peach. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

## Mammoth Prize Tomato.

This is one of the largest tomatoes grown and possesses every good quality to be found in a tomato. The vines are strong and vigorous and when properly trained will easily carry their enormous weight of fruit. Its massive fruits are almost perfect in form as shown by the beautiful engraving and are free from ridges and corrugations as to seem nearly as smooth as glass and when it comes to size, weight and solidity no other tomato can approach it. I have seen specimens of this tomato that weighed ¾ lbs., and specimens weighing 2 to 3 lbs. each are a common occurrence. The skin is exceedingly firm, and a marked peculiarity of this variety is that it is almost entirely seedless and while this characteristic commands its use to delicate persons, this same peculiarity makes the seed cost more than five times as much to grow as that of any other variety. This tomato can be trained up to any trellis or post without difficulty and the enormous weight of fruit that it will produce will surprise anyone. There is no garden complete without a few of these tomatoes.

**CAUTION.**—There are the short growing bush (called tree) tomatoes and the long growing (called tree) tomatoes, but if you want the true Mammoth Prize Tomato, order your seed of me and you will not be disappointed. I have the only genuine stock on the market. Per pkt. 8c.; 4 pkts. 20c.; 12 pkts. 50c.

*From Mass. Customer:*—Your MAMMOTH PRIZE TOMATOES are immense and people come a long ways to see them.

*From Pa. Customer:* My MAMMOTH PRIZE TOMATOES grew over seven feet high and the best cluster had eighteen tomatoes all ripe at one time. They are enormous in size.

**New Imperial.**—This new variety has many good qualities as an early or late sort and embraces every desirable quality to make it a good tomato. It is very early, perfectly smooth and ripens evenly to the stem. It is of large size and embraces many good qualities never before found in a single variety. It is between the Champion and Beauty in color and one of the most productive. Do not fail to try this excellent new sort. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Matchless.**—It is certainly matchless in form and regularity of growth. Skin unusually tough and if picked when ripe, they can be kept for several days. Strong grower, productive, large size and one of the best sorts to grow for market. Thousands of my customers will not have any other variety for this purpose. Extra nice stock per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Livingston's Beauty.**—Ripens early, and a hard sort to surpass. Color a rich glossy crimson and grows in clusters. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

**Livingston's Perfection.**—Comes from the same source as the Beauty. Very solid and a heavy cropper. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 10c.; oz. 15c.

## Mammoth Prize Tomato.

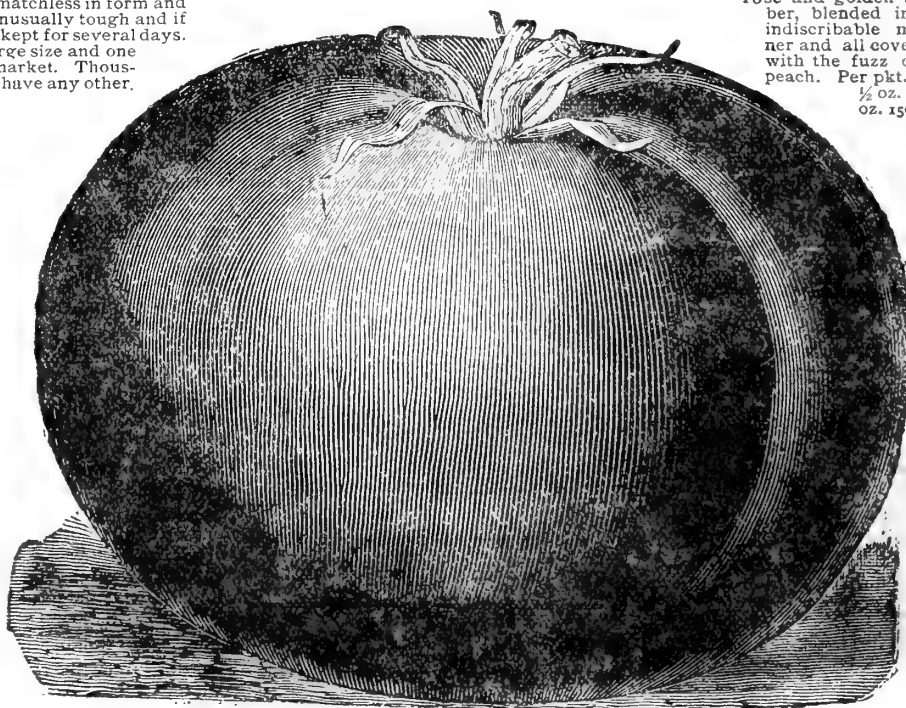
**New Zeland Fig.**—Borne in clusters of from 8 to 10 perfect tomatoes on a stem. Plants grow in bush from 2 to 2½ feet high, which is covered with rich golden fruit. Good for preserving and pickling. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

**Superb Mixture.**—All those interested in tomatoes should sow some of this seed. The mixture is made up of over sixty varieties, and includes some of the most wonderful varieties ever introduced. All the earliest and latest is among them, together with many curiosities. Try a pkt. Per pkt. 5c.; ½ oz. 15c.; oz. 25c.

*Rev. R. B. Towns, Verdierville, Va., Sept. 24, 1896, writes:* "I wish to say a few words in regard to the garden seed I obtained from you last spring. I have been housekeeping 26 years and I have the best garden this year that I have ever had. People come a long way to see my garden and they are all carried away with it."

*From Iowa Customer:* It is a pleasure to see MAMMOTH PRIZE TOMATOES growing, and any person who has them certainly would feel very proud of such fruit. Single specimens measuring 4 inches in circumference and weighing over 3 lbs. I have grown. There is no better fruit and they cannot be recommended too highly.

*From Ohio Customer:* The MAMMOTH PRIZE TOMATOES are wonderful in size and of fine quality. I do not think any variety can equal them.



Mills' Matchless Tomato.



## EARLIEST TOMATO IN THE WORLD.

This handsome early variety has been selected with great care and was named and introduced by me three years ago. It has been planted in the gardens of over 1/4 million of people throughout this country and has proven a wonderful success for the reason of its extreme earliness and perfectly smooth fruit. It has been thoroughly tested in my trial grounds by the side of over 60 varieties and among them was what is claimed to be the earliest variety known. The quality cannot be excelled and the handsome form and deep rich tinted red color makes it very attractive. They are immense yielders and when properly cared for produce an abundance of the handsomest tomatoes one could wish for. This tomato should not be compared with some of the worthless sorts sent out and claimed to be the earliest in cultivation and when grown produce rough unshapely fruit of poor quality. I do not claim this is the largest tomato but do claim it is the earliest perfectly smooth tomato that is on the market. It is always of medium size and of the very best quality, and from the excellent reports received from my customers I know that they are more than pleased with it. Thousands of dollars were made last year by my customers who planted Earliest in the World. In some cases they write me that they had tomatoes in the market two or three weeks earlier than other gardeners, thereby realizing a fancy price for all they had to sell. This same experience is sure to occur again and if you want to get the top, high fancy prices, be sure to include the Earliest Tomato in your order. Do not fail to include a little of this seed in your order. See what my customers have to say about it. Price of genuine stock: Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts 15c.; 6 pkts. 25c.; 1/2 oz. 60c.; oz. \$1.00

H. J. HUFFMAN, Canas, Idaho, writes: "The tomatoes are the best I ever saw, and excel all others. In fact, all the seed I got from you is of the finest, and many who saw my garden say that they want their seed from you. You will get some orders from my neighbors next year."

MRS. JOHN GAILLARD, Fairview, Pa., Aug. 5, writes: "I have a quantity of your 'Earliest in the World Tomatoes' ready for market. They are all perfectly smooth and very attractive in appearance. I have several other varieties of tomatoes but the yield and earliness of yours is far ahead of them."

WILSON MOOSE, Holt, Mo., Aug. 9, writes: "I think your tomatoes are the finest I ever saw. I can recommend them to any one for their earliness and fine flavor."

N. S. CURTIS, Iowa Falls, Iowa, writes: "I write to let you know my success with the seeds you sent me last spring. The tomatoes sown the first of May was ripe July 24th and are by far the finest tomatoes I have ever grown."

MRS. ELIZABETH GULBRANDSON, Iowa, Wis., Aug. 14th, writes: "Your Earliest Tomato is of fine color, firm and good flavor. Skin free from blemishes of any kind, and is the best tomato I have ever raised, having other varieties growing by the side, but this excels them all."

GEORGE N. MONTAYNE, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., writes: "I picked ripe tomatoes from seed bought of you on the 25th of July. The fruit is not as bright in color as

Early Michigan but I picked fruit from both the same day although Early Michigan was planted one week earlier."

MRS. MARY GILLILAND, Brownsdale, Minn., Aug. 18th, writes: "I planted your Earliest in the World Tomato, and the first ripe one was produced in fifty-seven days from the time of planting the seed. They are a fine tomato."

L. C. LARKIN, Alden, Minn., Aug. 17, writes: "I find that your Earliest in the World Tomato is in every way desirable, being all you claim for it, large, firm, solid, and perfectly free from rot, and I shall continue to plant it, as it has proved satisfactory so far."



GEO. E. CUTLER, Island Falls Me., writes: "I send you by this mail, photograph of my tomato patch raised from seed of your Earliest in the World Tomatoes. I have had ripe tomatoes since Aug. 10. I have tried for 10 years to raise tomatoes in Arrostook Co., Me., but always with the same results until this year, only a few ever got ripe as the season is too short for tomatoes. Your seed are in every way satisfactory."

~**CALL THE BEST TURNIPS.** I have an extra choice lot of TURNIP SEED this year and have made my prices very low. Prices are by mail postpaid.

**Breadstone**—Medium size, very quick growing; roots smooth, white with colored tops. Flesh perfectly white, fine grained and cooks quickly. One of the best for winter and spring use in cultivation. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; 1/4 lb. 18c.; 1/2 lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**Purple Top Strap Leaf**—The bulb is very flat, of medium size and quite smooth, with a bright purple top; very fine grained. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; 1/4 lb. 18c.; 1/2 lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 45c.

**White Egg**—Produces beautiful egg-shaped roots with thin white skin, always solid, sweet and a good keeper, excellent for early or late sowing and is desirable for table use. Per Pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; 1/4 lb. 20c.; 1/2 lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 50c.

**Early White Flat Dutch**—This is another early variety which grows to a medium size very quickly, has a clear white skin and always choice for table use. It is one of the very best varieties for spring sowing. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; 1/4 lb. 18c.; 1/2 lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.



**Early Snow Ball or Six Weeks**—This is one of the best extra early turnips in cultivation. Bulb is of medium size, smooth, white and of excellent flavor. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 20c.; 1/2 lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 50c.

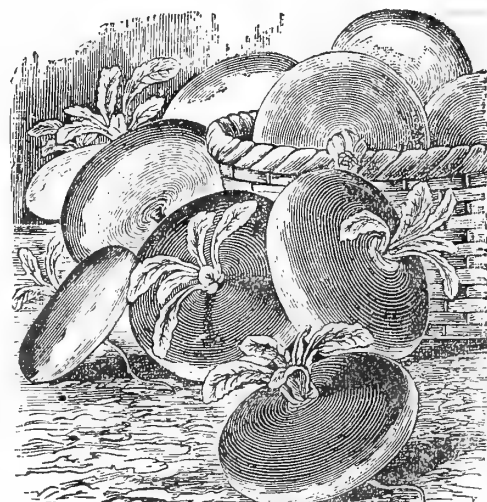


White Egg.

**Golden Ball**—Very early, fine quality and keeps well. Excellent for table use or stock feeding. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.; 1/4 lb. 18c.; 1/2 lb. 30c.; 1 lb. 45c.

**RUTA BAGAS**  
—OR—  
**SWEDE TURNIPS**  
Will be found on next page.

If you want \$5.00 worth of seeds, you ought to have the Planters' Wholesale Catalogue. Its best quality, fine grained, hard, solid and an excellent keeper. FREE to All.



**Extra Early Milan**—This splendid turnip is one of the earliest in cultivation; bulbs are flat, of medium size, quite smooth, with a bright purple top. Flesh pure white, of the best quality, fine grained, hard, solid and an excellent keeper. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 20c.; 1/2 lb. 35c.; 1 lb. 60c.

## RUTABAGAS or SWEDE TURNIPS.

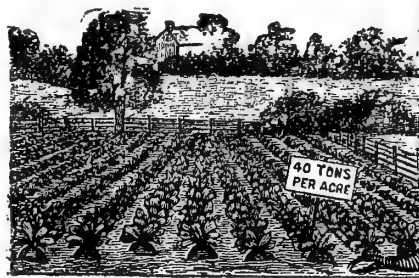
**Improved American Purple Top**—One of the very best varieties, of fine quality, keeps hard and brittle until summer and the largest yielder of them all. One of the best for the table and stock feeding. My extra choice stock I consider unequalled. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Imperial Hardy Swede**—Grows to a large size with a single tap root, and produces a fine bulb, always of good quality and is one of the best for winter use. Per pkt 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

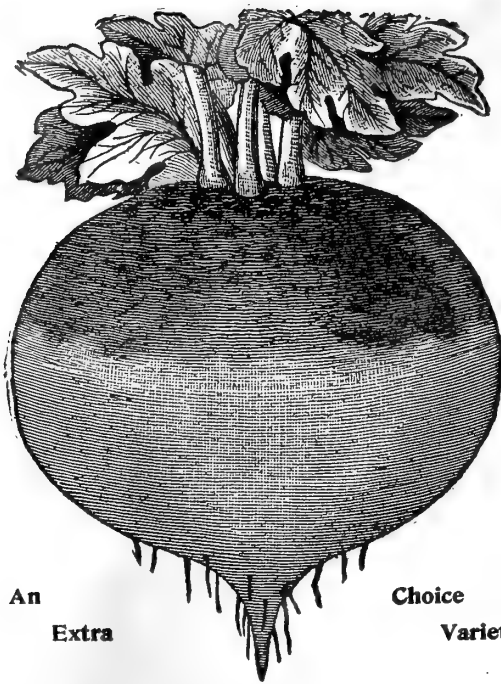
**Skirving's Purple Top**—Enormously productive, flesh yellow, solid, sweet and one of the best for field culture. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 20c.; lb. 35c.

**Large White Sweet**—Flesh white and solid and has a rich sweet flavor and is a well known Rutabaga. Per pkt 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.

**Superb Mixture of Turnips**—This mixture contains all the leading varieties of both early and late and by sowing this seed a continuous supply may be had throughout the season. You cannot do better than to plant some of this seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 40c.



**Improved American Purple Top Rutabaga.**



An Extra Choice Variety.

**Imperial Hardy Swede**

## FAIRVIEW LAWN GRASS, QUICK-GROWING.

I offer the purest, cleanest and best Lawn Grass Seed ever offered. It is the best for our American climate, and composed of various grasses that grow and flourish during different months of the year, so that a rich deep velvety green is constantly maintained. This seed is the result of several years' experimenting, and as I now offer it the mixture is unequalled. The amount required for making new lawns is 5 bushels per acre, and for renovating old lawns 2 to 3 bushels per acre, or for a plot 15x20, or 300 square feet one quart is required for new or one pint for renovation. Large pkt. 5c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c. postpaid. Peck \$1.50;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel \$2.25; bushel \$4.00 by express or freight, not prepaid.

## TOBACCO.

**Fine Havana**—A heavy cropper, delightful flavor and the earliest cigar variety to mature and will grow two crops from one planting in the South. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 75c.

**Connecticut Seed Leaf**—An old and well tried variety, from which good crops are grown, especially in the Connecticut Valley. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 75c.

## SUGAR CANE.

**Early Orange**—Southern growers give Early Orange the preference. It is a favorite new variety, makes a good syrup. you will do well to try it. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 20c.; lb. 30c.; postpaid. By express or freight at buyers expense.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 40c.; pk. 60c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  bu. \$1.00; bu. \$1.75.

**Early Amber**—More largely planted than any other variety. Nice to cut green for stock. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 20c.; lb. 30c. postpaid. By express or freight at buyers expense.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 40c.; pk. 60c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  bu. \$1.00; bu. \$1.75.

## SPINACH.

**New Long Standing**—A very popular new variety, best for spring sowing, stands fully two weeks longer than any other sort before going to seed. Leaves are large, thick and crumpled. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 20c.; lb. 30c.

**Round Thick Leaved**—Produces large thick dark green leaves, somewhat crumpled, and possesses the valuable quality of standing a long time before running to seed. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 6c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 12c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 20c.; lb. 30c.

## DANDELION.

**Improved Large Leaved**—Very early, sown in May will be fit to cut in July. A most valuable variety. Per pkt. 10c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 25c.; oz. 40c.

## GOURDS.

**Sugar Trough**—These Gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, etc. They grow to hold from 4 to 10 gallons each, having thick hard shells. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.

**Dipper**—Can be used for dippers, the handles being from 9 to 12 inches long, and they will hold from 1 pt. to 2 quarts. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.

**Nest Egg**—Resembles egg in shape, color and size. They do not crack and are not injured by cold or wet, and make the best nest egg. The plant is a rapid growing climber, quite ornamental. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.

**Fancy Mixed**—This mixture embraces all known varieties, and should be planted if for nothing more than a curiosity. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.

## OKRA.

**White Velvet**—Produces pods longer than any other variety, never grow prickly and always round and smooth. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 35c.

**Tall**—Grows from 5 to 6 feet. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 15c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25c.; lb. 35c.

## POT, SWEET AND MEDICINAL HERB SEED.

No garden is complete without a few sweet aromatic herbs for medicinal purposes. Sow in spring in shallow drills one foot apart and when well up thin out or transplant to a proper distance apart. Those marked with (\*) are perennial, and when once obtained in the garden may be preserved for years.

\***Balm**—Has Medicinal Qualities.

\***Anise**—Seeds Aromatic.

\***Coriander**—Seeds Aromatic.

\***Caraway**—Seeds Aromatic.

\***Dill**—Seeds Aromatic.

\***Horseradish**—Has Med. Qualities.

\***Lavender**—Very Fragrant.

Price 5c. per pkt. for any of the above.

\***Sweet Fennel**—Seeds Aromatic.

\***Rosemary**—Very Fragrant.

\***Summer Savory**—For Seasoning.

\***Sweet Basil**—Culinary Herb.

\***Sage**—Culinary Herb.

\***Sweet Marjoram**—For Seasoning.

\***Thyme**—For Seasoning.

\***Wormwood**—Has Med. Qualities.

## \$1.00 GARDEN SEED OFFER.

My \$1.00 Garden Seed collection is the most astonishing offer ever made, comprising 35 regular size pkts. of the earliest and best vegetables, delivered to any address in the United States for \$1.00 (or to Canada for \$1.10). I sell thousands of these collections every year and my offer this spring is better than ever and I know that every person who has a garden will certainly want this nice collection of seeds. The collection contains one regular size pkt. of the following: For description see other parts of catalogue.

**Asparagus**—Conover's Colossal; **Beans**—Early Red Valentine, **Beans**—Mills' Rust Proof Wax, **Beet**—Eclipse Blood Turnip, **Beet**—Improved Long Smooth Blood Red, **Cabbage**—Early Winningstadt, **Cabbage**—Mills' Short Stem Drumhead, **Carrot**—Danvers, **Celery**—White Plume, **Sweet Corn**—Zigzag Evergreen, **Sweet Corn**—Mills' First Of All, **Pop Corn**—Queen's Golden, **Cucumber**—New Japanese Climbing, **Cucumber**—Thorburn's New Ever-Bearing, **Lettuce**—Improved Hanson, **Musk Melon**—Osage or Miller's Cream, **Musk Melon**—Long Island Beauty, **Water Melon**—Sweetheart, **Water Melon**—Mills' Earliest, **Onion**—Yellow Globe Danvers, **Onion**—Extra Early Red, **Peas**—Mills' First of All, **Peas**—Mills' Ever Bearing, **Parsnip**—Magnum Bonum, **Pepper**—Red Etna, **Pumpkin**—Quaker Pie, **Radish**—Long Scarlet Short Top, **Radish**—Early Rosy Gem, **Spinach**—New Long Standing, **Squash**—Golden Summer Crookneck, **Squash**—The Butman, **Tomato**—Earliest in the World, **Tomato**—Mammoth Prize, **Turnip**—Early Snowball or Six Weeks, **Turnip**—Imperial Hardy Swede.

This makes 35 full size pkts., which will be sent to any address in the United States for \$1.00 (or to Canada for \$1.10). It is the greatest collection that I have ever offered and the varieties are reliable. Remember if you order this collection you will be entitled to 50 cents worth of seeds free. (See back of order sheet). You get nearly every thing required for your garden for only \$1.00 and 50 cents worth of seeds in pkts. free as a present, so there is no reason why you should not accept this great offer at once.

## 60c. WONDER VEGETABLE COLLECTION.

This is a wonderful collection and my customers wonder how I can supply the following 24 pkts. of choice vegetable seeds, all put up in regular size pkt. for only 60 cents to any address in the United States (or to Canada for 65 cents). The collection contains one regular size pkt. of the following varieties:—

(For full description of each see other parts of this catalogue.) **Beans**—Burpee's Bush Lima, **Beet**—Edmund's Early Turnip, **Cabbage**—Mills' Surehead, **Cabbage**—Mills' Allhead Early, **Carrot**—Ox-heart or Guerande, **Celery**—Giant Pascal, **Sweet Corn**—Stowell's Improved Evergreen, **Sweet Corn**—Extra Early Cory, **Pop Corn**—Tattooed Rice, **Cucumber**—Nichol's Medium Green, **Lettuce**—Early Curled Impson, **Musk Melon**—Perfection or Princess, **Water Melon**—Fordhook Early, **Onion**—Yellow Globe Danvers, **Peas**—Bliss' Ever Bearing, **Parsnip**—The Student, **Pepper**—Etna, **Pumpkin**—Winter Luxury, **Radish**—French Breakfast, **Radish**—California Mammoth White Winter, **Squash**—Improved Hubbard, **Tomato**—Livingston's Beauty, **Spinach**—Round Thick Leaved, **Turnip**—White Egg. Remember this wonderful collection only costs you 60 cents mailed to any address in the United States (or to Canada for 65 cents).

## 30 CENT "STAR" Collection.

For the amount of money this is one of the finest collections that I offer and cannot fail but please all who plant it. It contains one regular size pkt. each of the following 11 kinds:—

**Beet**—New Lentz, **Cabbage**—Mills' Surehead, **Cucumber**—New Extra Early Long Green, **Lettuce**—American Gathering, **Musk Melon**—Tip Top, **Water Melon**—Fordhook Early, **Onion**—Large Red Wethershead, **Radish**—White Box, **Tomato**—Livingston's Beauty, **Squash**—Improved Hubbard, **Turnip**—Early Snowball or Six Weeks. Mailed to any address in the United States for 30 cents (or to Canada for 34 cents).

## 25 CENT SILVER COLLECTION,

Here is a great collection for only 25 cents

and cannot fail but please everyone who plants it. It contains 7 regular size pkts. of choice seed and 2 extra choice potatoes as follows:

**Beet**—Edmund's Early Turnip, **Cabbage**—Mills' Surehead, **Cucumber**—Japanese Climbing, **Lettuce**—American Gathering, **Onion**—Yellow Globe Danvers, **Radish**—Long Scarlet Short Top, **Tomato**—Mills' Earliest in the World. And one whole King of the Earliest potato and one whole Banner potato. See page 23 and 24.

The entire lot will be nicely packed in a box and sent to any address in the United States for 25 cents (or to Canada for 28 cents).



# ✧ Mills' Selected Seed Corn. ✧

I AM OFFERING this season some of the very choicest and best varieties of SEED CORN in America. Please look my list over carefully, and note the extremely low prices and I know that you will want to give some of them a trial. There is no question but what a change of Seed Corn is a benefit, and at the prices that I am offering my corn there is no reason why every farmer cannot afford to change his seed. I sell thousands of bushels of selected Seed Corn every spring and at the prices I offer it this year I am sure of selling more than double of what I have ever sold any season before. When corn is sent by express or freight, I do not pay the transportation charges.

## Mills' Golden Superior.

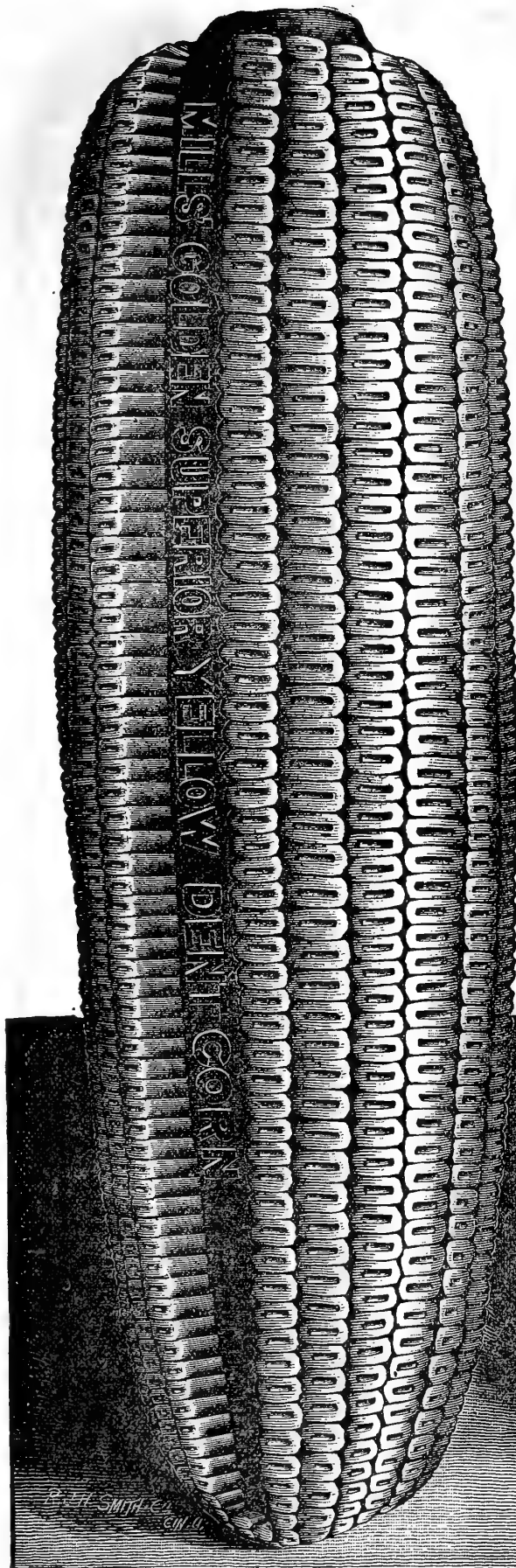
This handsome new field corn I introduced last season and it has fully met all the claims made for it. It is the handsomest variety in the world and always produces a big crop. It came from careful selection by an expert corn grower who has had 18 years experience in the growing of seed corn. It has taken first premiums at the Ohio State Fair, and is the finest field corn novelty that any one has ever seen. It is truly a big sight to see a lot of it, either on the ear or shelled. In large fields it has yielded over 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre. It is a wonderfully strong grower and the ears grow very large and handsome for a corn that is sure to ripen in 85 to 100 days. It was planted last year from the 10th to the 15th of May and the last of July was showing tassels and silking. The stalks are large, with broad rank leaves of a beautiful color, and it is the yellowest corn in the world. Grains are very long making it very handsome in appearance and in fact it will sell on sight to any man who takes pride in farming. You can sell seed of it to your neighbors at a fancy price.

In appearance the great long grains, small cob, beautiful color, great yield is bound to please everyone who plants it. It certainly is a perfect Seed Corn, and I wish to call the attention of my customers to the following points: 1st. It grows strong, rank and quick, and will stand the drouth to a remarkable degree. 2d. 70 lbs. of ears have shelled 64 lbs. shelled corn. 3d. No corn in the world is so pure and no corn in cultivation so yellow. 4th. It has the longest and largest grains of any field corn in cultivation. 5th. It originated in a Northern climate and is sure to mature in 85 to 100 days, and please the grower. 6th. It will bring the highest market price on account of its having such pure yellow grains, and will out-sell any corn in cultivation, having the largest ear and smallest cob. 7th. It is superior over the Leming, Early Butler, Extra Early Huron, Sibley, Pride of the North, Early Mastodon, White Cap Yellow Dent or any of the famous Dent varieties because the ears are much larger, more vigorous grower, heavier yielder and a more perfect field corn than any other in cultivation.

The sale of this wonderful corn surprised me last year, for the first year of its introduction I did not expect to sell but a few hundred bushels but to my surprise the amount went into the thousands of bushels. This year from every indication and the excellent reports I am receiving, many thousand bushels will be sold for seed alone. The seed I offer this year was grown with great care. Do not fail to include some of it in your order if you want the handsomest, purest, yellowest corn in the world that is sure to produce an enormous crop. Remember that I introduced this variety and have entire control, therefore the genuine seed can only be obtained direct from my warehouses.

Prices for 1897: Per pkt. 8c.; 1/2 pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight, customer to pay the express or freight charges on receipt of corn. 1/2 pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.; 1/2 bu. 85c.; bu. \$1.40; per sack of 2 bushels \$2.40.

I know this corn will please any farmer who takes pride in farming, but I offer several other splendid Dent varieties and also two mammoth Flint sorts that is sure to please. Let me have your order for seed corn.



## EXTRA EARLY HURON DENT CORN.

This is a splendid Early Dent Corn, and is the earliest Dent Corn in the United States. It will ripen with my customers in many Northern states where heretofore they have only been able to grow the varieties. It is of a bright orange color and has a good size stalk and ear, small red cob, long deep grain and the only smooth very early Dent Corn that I know of. Seventy of ears make about 64 lbs. of shelled corn. Planted the first week in May it showed tassels and was silked out July 15th and August 4th ears were fit for roasting. The last o gust it was ripe and ready to cut up. To sum up I wish to say that for good size ears and wonderful productiveness, it is at the head, and I know my customers will be pl with it. My supply is strictly pure and carefully selected and I know that every one that plants Extra Early Huron Dent will never regret it. Just see the prices I am off pure stock at. Per pkt. 8c.; 1/2 pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight. 1/2 pk. 25c.; pk. 45c.; 1/2 bu. 70c.; bu. \$1.25

## CHOICE SEED CORN

### Two Flint Varieties.

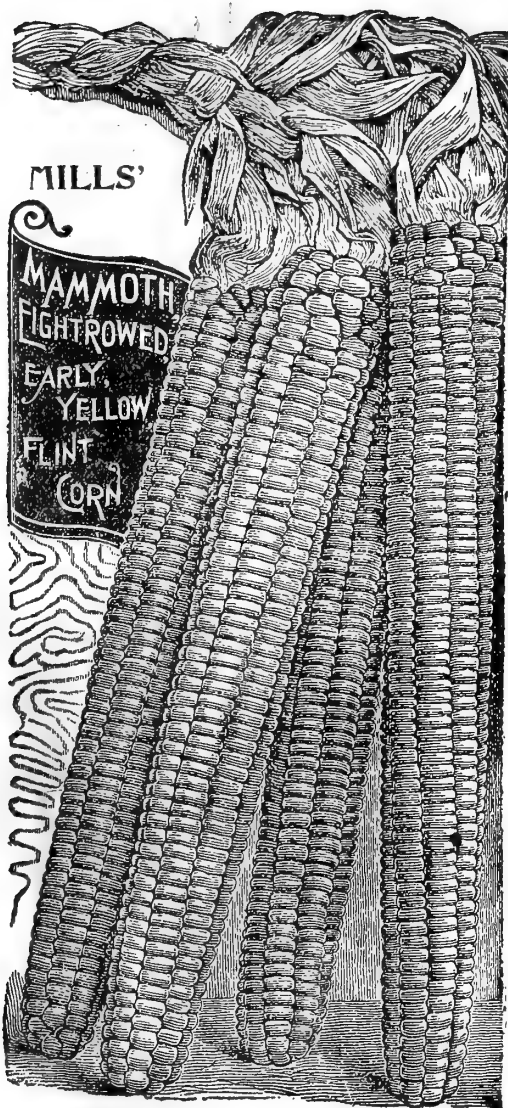
**Mammoth 8 Rowed Early Yellow Flint**—This is an extra early Yellow Flint corn that has proved to be all that is claimed for it. It is of enormous size, the ears being the longest of any variety of corn that is grown either Flint or Dent. This variety has been grown for years by an expert corn grower who has kept in the seed but it has never been offered for sale. It is the purest, handsomest, heaviest, yellow flint corn in this country. It grows to a good height and each stalk bears from two to four good ears with good cultivation. Farmers who have grown it offer to prove by affidavits that an average yield of from 150 to 175 bushels of ears per acre is nothing uncommon. While some claim to have grown as high as 240 bushels from one peck of seed. The Mammoth Yellow Flint will fully mature within 100 days from date of planting in any latitude. It is the best Flint corn that I have ever offered. I know that every customer who plants this will be more than pleased and at the price I offer the seed there is no reason why every farmer cannot obtain a new stock of seed corn. Price of extra nice stock: Per pkt. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00, by mail postpaid. By express or freight customers to pay the express or freight charges on receipt of corn.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.30; per sack of two bushels \$2.40.

**Mammoth Early White Flint**—This is an extra early White Flint variety and resembles the Mammoth Yellow Flint in almost all respects except color, being white which many farmers prefer. The best variety in cultivation for localities where early frosts injure the crop. I have a fine stock of this corn and can offer it at the following prices: Per pkt. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight customers to pay the express or freight charges on receipt of corn.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.30; per sack of two bushels \$2.40.

**Mills' Cuban Giant Ensilage Corn**—The increasing demand each year for Ensilage Corn has induced me to offer the Cuban Giant, a corn that has been thoroughly tested beside all the large white grained ensilage varieties. My seed stock which I am offering my customers this season is strictly pure and direct from the introducer. It has been found by tests in this country and Canada that it is a perfect fodder or ensilage corn, having the creamy quality of the Tuscaroro Corn and the growth and rankness of the Red Cob Ensilage. The grains are pure white, very large, broad and long, very showy and of stronger vitality than any other variety in cultivation, a very strong point in its favor. The fodder grows on the stalks in great quantities and of the finest flavor. It is the best milk producer of all the ensilage corns, being most as sweet and tender as the sugar corn. It is the earliest variety of all the Ensilage corns. I know that all my customers who grow fodder corn will want some of this excellent new corn and I can offer it at the following prices: Per pkt. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight customers to pay the express or freight charges on receipt of corn.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.25; per sack of two bushels \$2.25. 10 bu. \$10.00. Sacks included free.



Mills' Cuban Giant Ensilage.



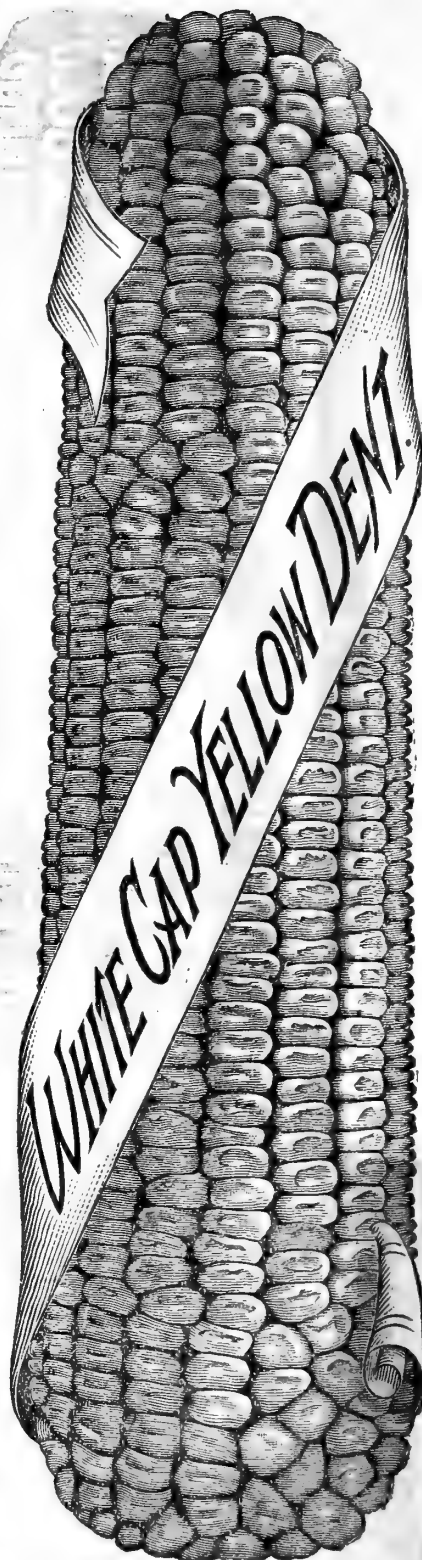
**Red Cob Ensilage**—This is a well known variety which has previously been grown more largely than any other and is a first-class variety. I have a stock of this that I can offer at the following prices: Per pkt. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; by mail postpaid. By express or freight customers to pay the express or freight charges on receipt of corn.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.25; per sack of 2 bu. \$2.25; 10 bu. \$10.00. Sacks included free.

## WONDERFUL VARIETY OATS.

**The Mortgage Lifter**—This is a new kind that was only recently introduced and is claimed by the introducers to be a wonderful variety. It is early, grows strong and just the kind of straw you would expect the king of all oats to have and so far has never shown any signs of rust. It is one of the hardest varieties and is full of fresh new blood, overflowing with vigor and so strong is it that drouth, heavy rains and winds have no effect upon its growth, and if you can be sure of anything in this world, it is a crop of Mortgage Lifter oats. The introducers say "the grain is the heaviest in existence o-day and nowhere on this globe could we find any oats that approach them in weight. Did you ever see oats weighing 50 bs. to the measured bushel? We have them that weigh that, bright and white with a hull as thin as a sheet of paper and it is the extreme weight that gives the yield." This statement has been questioned but so far no variety has been introduced that will weigh more to the measured bushel. 100 bushels of oats to the acre have been produced and 50, 60 and 80 can be obtained by any farmer with good cultivation. I fully believe this is a first-class variety and the demand for several ears will certainly make a quick sale for all that can be grown in seed purposes. I have a few hundred bushels that I am going to offer my customers at remarkably low prices and would advise early orders for they will certainly be taken before the season is over. Change seed oats. It is a good plan. By express or freight, customers to pay charges. Per  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. \$1.00; 2 bu. \$1.80; 4 bu. \$3.25; 10 bu. \$7.50. Sacks included free.

J. D. MILLER, Round Lake, N. Y., writes: "We like your best of any house I have bought of. Am a market gardener and have bought seeds of many firms but give yours place."

EX. M. CAMPBELL, Argyle, Can., writes: "I am amply satisfied in the success I have with your seeds for the vitality is very best and they are always sure to grow."

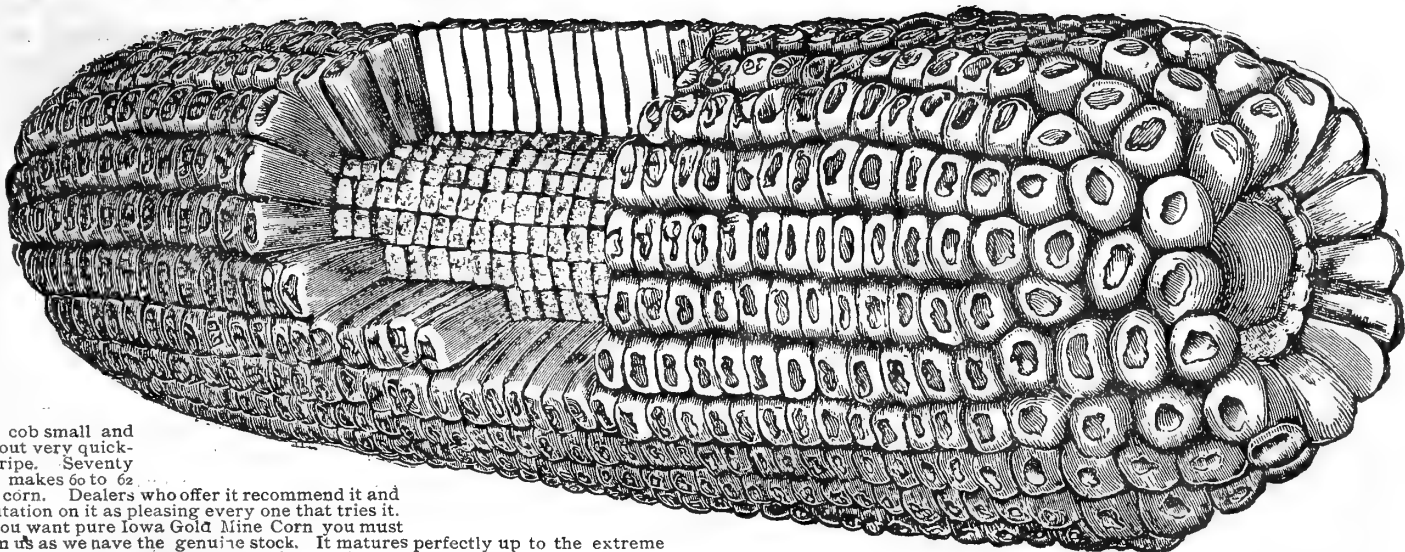


**White Cap Yellow Dent Corn**—This new field corn has been more largely advertised than any other Yellow Dent corn. The illustration of the ear is accurately engraved from a photograph, being reduced in size. It combines and merits more good qualities than any other variety with the exception of Mills' Golden Superior. It is a vigorous grower averaging six to seven ft. in height, producing on each stalk two large ears well filled to the extreme end of the cob, and above all its strongest points, and one that will be greatly appreciated by all who grow corn is the fact that it will grow more bushels of corn on thin poor land than any other corn known. It will also do better and husk out more corn per acre in a drouth season than any other corn. It grows quick, rank and strong and has larger ears than any other 90 Day Dent corn in cultivation. Per pkt. 8c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.25; per sack of two bu. 2.25.



## IOWA GOLD MINE CORN.

It originated in Iowa and is a variety farmers in this country will find to be just what they want. It is early, ripening only a few days later than Pride of the North. The ears are of good size and symmetrical and color a bright golden yellow. Grains are very deep, cob small and therefore dries out very quickly as soon as ripe. Seventy lbs. of ear corn makes 60 to 62 lbs. of shelled corn. Dealers who offer it recommend it and stake their reputation on it as pleasing every one that tries it. Remember if you want pure Iowa Gold Mine Corn you must purchase it from us as we have the genuine stock. It matures perfectly up to the extreme north of Iowa and all my western customers will certainly want to plant Iowa Gold Mine. It will pay any farmer to change his seed and don't fail to at least order a sample of Gold Mine. Notice my low prices this year. Per pkt. 8c.; 1/2 pt. 12c.; pt. 20c.; qt. 35c.; 2 qts. 60c.; 4 qts. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. 1/2 pk. 30c.; pk. 50c.; 1/2 bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.25; per sack of 2 bu. \$2.00.

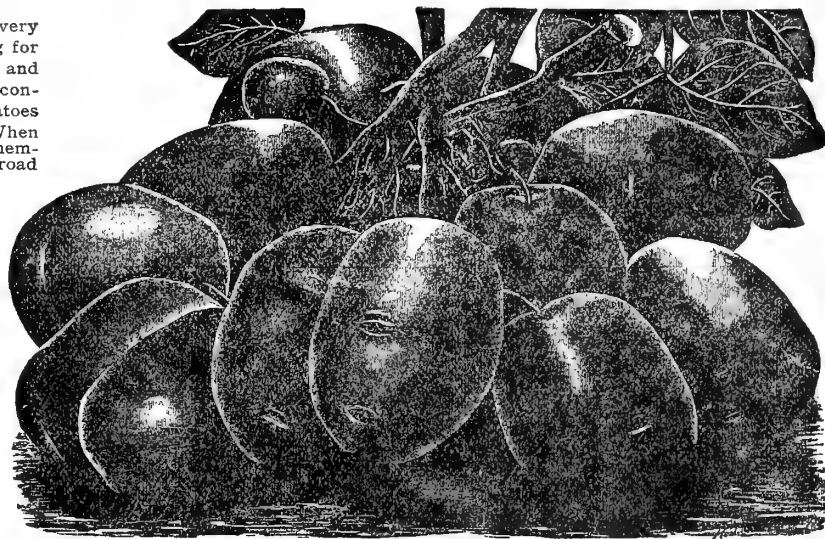


## MILLS' CHOICE SEED POTATOES FOR 1897.

I sell annually very large quantities of Seed Potatoes to my customers in every section of the country and while potato growing has not been very encouraging for the past two seasons, I have supplied a great many customers with choice stock and this year my prices are as low as ever, and I have a fine stock now stored in fine condition awaiting orders. All orders will be promptly acknowledged and potatoes will be shipped as soon as weather will permit in the spring without freezing. When ordering always state whether I shall ship by express or freight; and please remember that I never pay express or freight charges on potatoes. I deliver to railroad station here and make no charge for barrels, boxes or bags. At the prices quoted on small lots to be sent by mail I pay postage. If you want a quantity of potatoes and other seeds, do not fail to send for my Planters' Wholesale Catalogue. It will save you from 25 to 50 per cent.

## IRISH MIGNON POTATOES.

This is a wonderful potato and has been in existence in Ireland for more than 150 years, and the *Gardeners' Chronicle* of Feb. 13th says: "All through the last century and up to the famine times there was some fine varieties of potatoes grown in the south of Ireland, but whose introducers names are now unknown. We were told by a well-known grower who sent some samples to us that no better variety was grown during his time and he can remember Mignon potatoes 50 years ago and he knows they were in cultivation 100 years previously and that they were the staple food with the Irish Peasantry. We understand that the quantity of seed is limited and only last year the variety was re-discovered in a remote part of Cork County, in the possession of a farmer whose land consists of dry peat resting on limestone. Some of the tubers which were cooked in the usual manner, that is, peeled, were very heavy, close grained, slightly mealy outside and dry within. The above gives a few points on this old variety and after growing them in this country one season, I find they are a great curiosity. The vines do not resemble American varieties; neither do the potatoes and I have a small lot of my own growing that I am going to offer my customers. It will pay any one to plant a few if for nothing more than a curiosity. Price of 1 good potato 12c.; 3 potatoes 25c.; 1 lb. 60c.; 2 lbs. \$1, postpaid.

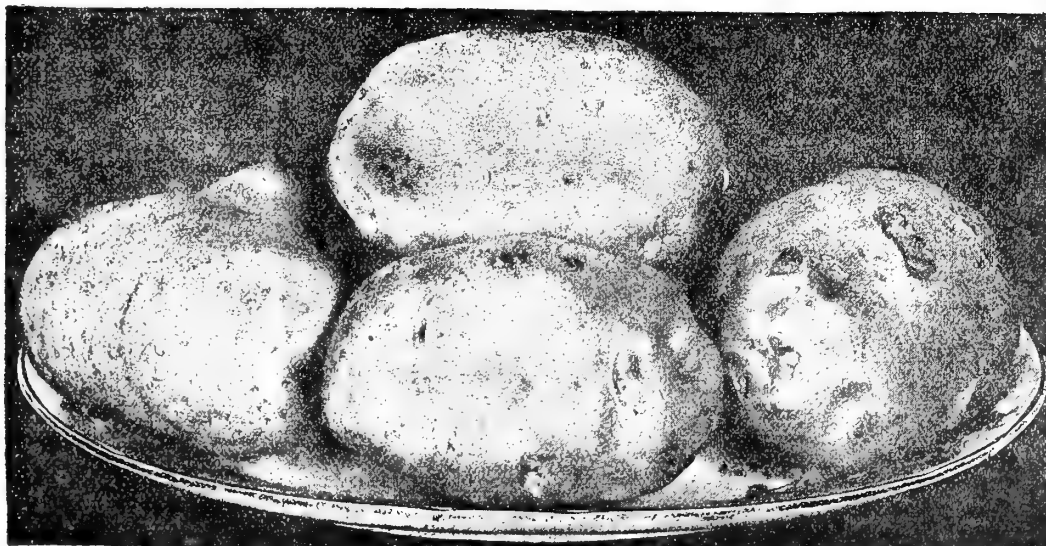


Irish Mignon Potatoes.

## KING OF THE EARLIES POTATOES.

Those of my many thousand customers with whom the Early Fortune Potato has won such an unparalleled success, will realize that to introduce King of the Earlies as superior to the Early Fortune would be a great mistake upon my part unless I were sure that the claims made for the King of the Earlies would be substantial upon its trial by my customers.

Introduced to the American people this year for the first time, King of the Earlies comes almost directly from its native soil, that of the British Isles, where it is safe to say the finest potatoes in the world are grown. The stock was imported by a potato expert, who found it the earliest and most prolific variety in cultivation there. This record it has easily maintained in America. Since this variety has been brought to my notice, I have watched it with great interest, and during the past season having secured the entire stock in this country, have grown it side by side with other varieties to test its merits by actual experience before offering it to my customers. From my own experience I have found that it is, without exception, the earliest variety in cultivation; that it will exceed in yield any other early potato on good or poor soil that the potatoes will be of more uniform size and that there will be fewer small unsalable potatoes among the crop than in any other variety. The engraving very accurately shows an average size potato. It is white, medium length, with very few and small eyes, and has splendid cooking qualities. Remember I am offering you seed of this variety from the only stock to be obtained in this country, as I have the exclusive control of it, and I am confident that the favorable opinion in which the potatoes I have already introduced are held, will be still further increased when my customers shall have given King of the Earlies a fair trial. Be sure to include it in your order for seeds this spring at the following low prices: 1 lb. 40c.; 3 lbs. \$1.00 postpaid. By express freight not prepaid. Pk. \$1.00; 1-1/2 bu. \$1. bu. \$3.00.



King of the Earlies Potatoes.

Plant my GIANT EVERBEARING TOMATO this year and be surprised. You may get the \$500. See First Page Cover for other Great Collections and Premiums for largest number sold. A Club of 20 or 30 may win First Prize. I do not expect large clubs these times.



Early Fortune Potato.

## EARLY FORTUNE POTATO.

Has Surpassed all claims made for it.

THE EARLY FORTUNE POTATO, which I introduced in 1893 has made a wonderful record wherever planted and my customers who have planted it are more than satisfied and speak in the highest praise of it. When I first introduced it I did so with the belief that it would create a great sensation with all those planting early potatoes and for the next few years they would sell at high prices. It is one of the handsomest potatoes and thousands of reports received from my customers are the best proof that it is highly prized by all who plant it.

THE EARLY FORTUNE is one of the strongest growers among early varieties of potatoes. It has made such unusual developments both as to early ripening qualities, enormous productiveness and strong vigorous growth that no praise is too strong for its merits. It is handsome in form and the color resembles the EARLY ROSE. A leading trucker and gardener in Va., writes me as follows:—

"The potatoes you sent me last spring of the EARLY FORTUNE I have just harvested and find they yield under same cultivation three times more than Early Rose from same amount of seed planted; although EARLY FORTUNE was planted 5 weeks later than Early Rose they matured at the same time. I regard it as the finest early potato grown and will certainly recommend it to truckers of our section. Not a bug made its appearance on them."

If you have not already planted EARLY FORTUNE you should do so this year without fail. You will notice that my prices are remarkably low for such extra choice potatoes and I would advise early orders for every indication is that seed potatoes next spring are going to be high in price. Prices for EARLY FORTUNE for 1897. Per lb. 30c.; 3 lbs. 75c.; by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Per peck \$1.00; 1-2 bu. \$1.75; bu. \$3.15; bbl. \$7.25.

S. E. COZAD, Red Cloud, Neb., writes: "I planted the Early Fortune potato received from you, and although the spring was dry and unfavorable I had potatoes large enough for market in less than 60 days from planting. Early Fortune is the earliest potato in this country. I have four different kinds but it beats them all. There were a great many bugs on these but not a single bug on Early Fortune. I think it a wonderful potato."

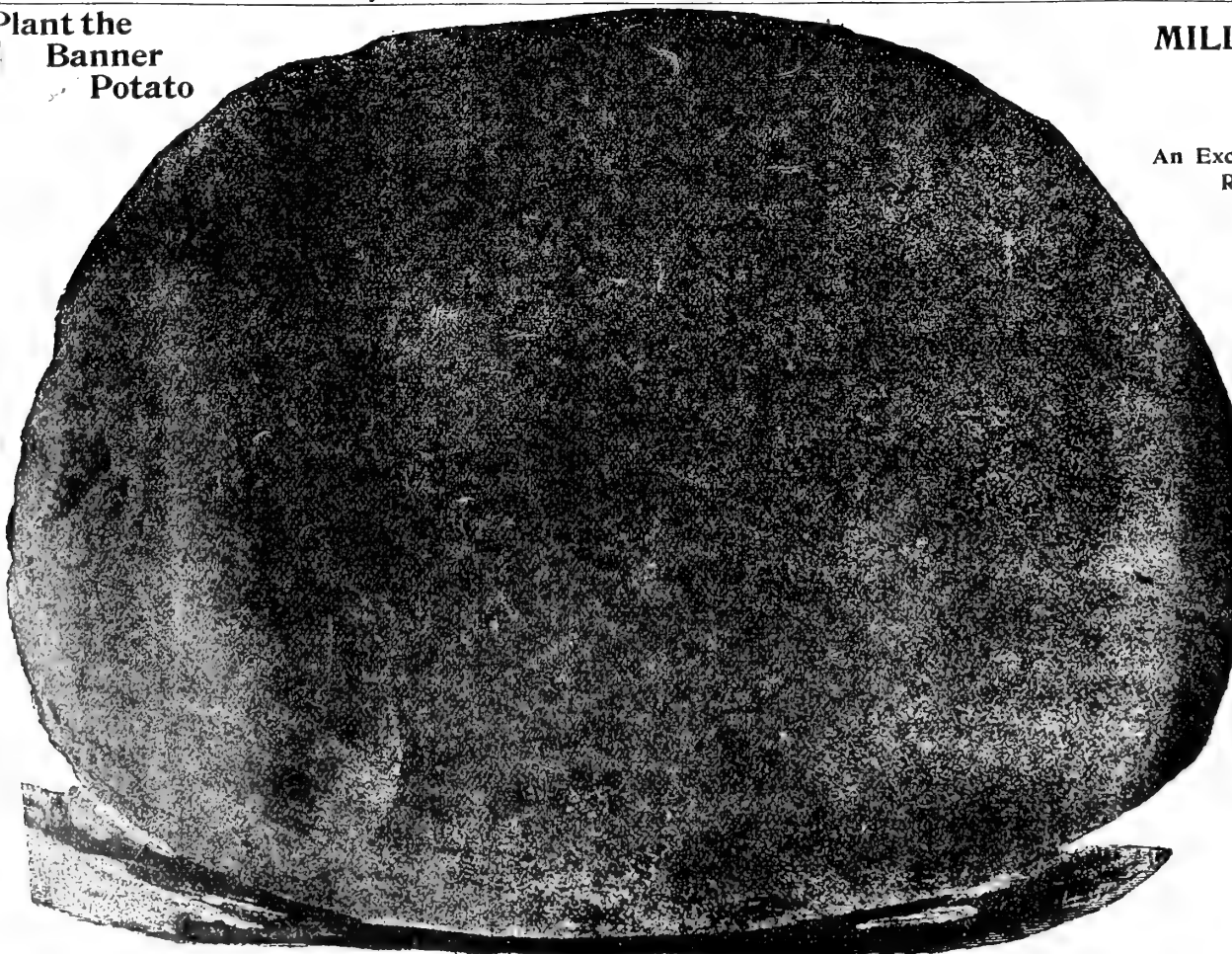
CHARLES JOHNSON, Grand Gulf, Miss., June 26, writes: "I received from you one tuber of Early Fortune potato, which was planted after the Early Rose were up and they are now ripe while the Early Rose is not. I would not take \$5.00 for my Early Fortune potatoes, as they are the handsomest and best early potato grown."

ALEXANDER WADE, Brooklyn, Texas, June 18, writes: "I have just harvested a lot of fine potatoes from the potato you sent me. The Early Rose I planted just 3 weeks before and the Early Fortune matured at the same time."

C. M. INGERSAL, Chunchula, Ala., writes: "I grew 30 lbs. of potatoes from one Early Fortune potato. It is the finest and earliest I have ever seen. All admired it."

E. CAGLE, Dallas, Ark., writes: "I harvested nearly 30 lbs. of large nice potatoes from the sample potato, and they are the earliest and nicest potatoes I ever saw."

Plant the  
Banner  
Potato



## MILLS' BANNER POTATO.

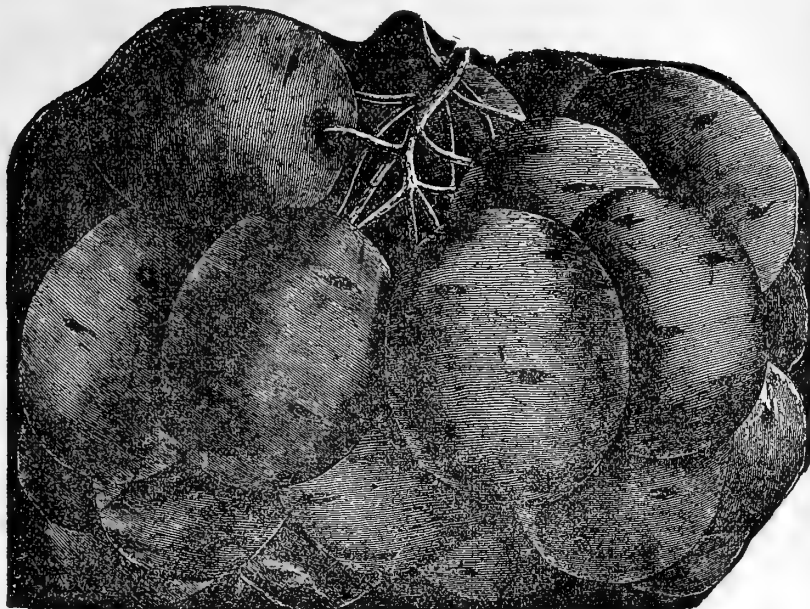
An Excellent New Variety, Only  
Recently Introduced.

I have grown this new potato two seasons and now take pleasure in offering it to my customers. I find it is unsurpassed by any and will equal in handsome appearance any potato that was ever offered. The skin is light cream color and very slightly russeted in texture, which fact is recognized as having fine table qualities. It is of handsome shape as shown by the beautiful engraving. The eyes are not very abundant and very shallow. The size is large, none under size and in this respect is far in advance of a number of highly praised sorts of recent introduction. The BANNER has never been known to produce prongy tubers. They are always smooth. There is no waste and no sorting necessary. The habit of growth should also be noticed, being strong and vigorous from the very sprout, and in points of flavor and other table qualities it is of the best. The flesh is snow white when boiled or baked. I have a small stock that I am going to offer my customers this year and all those who want such a potato, should order early. Per lb. 30c.; 3 lbs. 75c.; by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Peck \$1.00 1-2 bu. \$1.75; bu. \$3.00, bbl. \$7.00.



# THE WONDERFUL LONG KEEPER POTATO.

A New Variety of Wonderful Long Keeping Qualities.



Mills' Long Keeper Potatoes.

THIS IS the most wonderful potato I have ever introduced, and I am highly pleased to be able to offer my customers such a variety, for it is different in nearly all respects from any other variety of potatoes in cultivation. In the first place it is the heaviest, and hardest potato I have ever seen, and in the matter of long keeping qualities there is nothing in the world that can equal it. The beautiful illustration well represents a hill. I first discovered the keeping qualities of this new potato when taking all other varieties from my potato cellars, this being one sent in for my trial grounds. This was done June 1st and at that time all the varieties I offer in my catalogue, were sprouted to such an extent that they were worthless, but in coming to the bin of LONG KEEPER, they had not begun to sprout. I let these potatoes remain in the cellar, removing all other varieties and on July 16th I made an examination and found that they were just beginning to sprout and by the 1st of August the sprouts were only about one inch long and by September 1st I could see but very little difference in the months time. Did you ever hear of such a potato as this. They certainly are worthy of a trial by every one of my customers. The shape is perfect. They are of the best quality for table use and just the right size for the home garden as well as market. They are medium in earliness, fine grain, cooks dry and mealy and will please everyone who plants them. My stock is very limited and I would advise as early orders as possible. Remember that I have entire control of this variety and they cannot be obtained from any other house in the country. Price for pure stock for 1897. Per lb. 60c.; 2 lbs. \$1.00 by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. ½ pk. \$1.00; pk. \$1.50; ½ bu. \$2.25; bu. \$4.00. I must refuse orders for more than 1 bu. as I want all of my customers to give it a trial and I will not have enough to go around.

**EARLY WHITE STAR.** This is a beautiful white potato and resembles the well-known late White Star which is grown so largely for market. It is indeed handsome in appearance, of fine shape and form and of excellent eating quality. It ranks among the best flavored potatoes grown, and another great point in its favor is its extreme earliness. After you have once grown this potato, you will be more than pleased with it. Per lb. 25c.; 3 lbs. 60c. by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Pk. 60c.; ½ bu. 1.00; bu. \$1.75; barrel \$4.25.

**EARLY HARVEST.** A very early variety, which coupled with the large yield, superb quality and fine appearance makes it one of the most valuable for first early marketing or for home use, of large size, nearly white, eyes slightly indented, shape oval, flattened sometimes. My stock is limited and I advise early orders. Per lb. 25c.; 3 lbs. 60c. by mail postpaid. By freight or express not prepaid. Pk. 40c.; ½ bu. 75c.; bu. \$1.25; barrel \$3.25.

**MILLS' ENDURANCE.** This is the new potato I first sent out in 1894 to have it tested in all sections of the country. Its handsome form, white skin and large even size recommend it everywhere. The eyes are shallow and the flesh is white, cooks dry and mealy, and of superior quality, exceeding any other variety in this respect that I have ever tested. As a variety to keep well for late spring use, it has no equal, and one of the strongest recommendations I can give for it, is the vigorous growth of the vines, withstanding drouth or blight which potatoes are liable to in all sections of the country. A field of them can be distinguished from any other as far as they can be seen. They have never blighted yet, and therefore might be guaranteed blight proof. The foliage is deep rank green and vines stand erect and strong, and the tubers grow compactly in the hill which are crowded with fine large potatoes. It certainly is an excellent main crop and I regret that lack of room will not permit me to show the handsome illustration I have had made of them. Per lb. 30c.; 3 lbs. 60c.; postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Pk. 50c.; ½ bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.50; barrel \$4.00.

**MILLS' PRIZE.** This is a very popular variety and I find it cannot be excelled for main crop and thousands of my customers will testify the same. The potatoes are always of good size and there is a smaller per cent. of small ones in the crop than any other potato I have ever grown. It is handsome in form, yields immense crops in all sections, fine grain and cooks dry and mealy. Never since I first introduced it have I been able to grow enough to supply my trade as the demand increases each year. It is one of the most robust growers, and a field of them is a sight when in bloom. No one will make a mistake in planting some of these potatoes for market or family use. Per lb. 30c.; 3 lbs. 60c. by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Pk. 40c.; ½ bu. 75c.; bu. \$1.40; barrel \$3.75.

**IRISH DAISY.** This is a main crop potato that has been largely advertised. I have the genuine stock to offer and know that it came from the introducer. If you want any of this seed I can supply you at the following prices. Per lb. 25c.; 3 lbs. 60c. by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Pk. 50c.; ½ bu. 80c.; bu. \$1.50; barrel \$4.00.

**THE WONDERFUL THOROUGHbred POTATO.** This is another potato introduced in '96 with great claims made for it. You no doubt have read these claims in the seed catalogues and found that the prices have been very high. I have the genuine stock to offer and will supply any of my customers at the following prices. Per lb. 30c.; 3 lbs. 75c. by mail postpaid. By express or freight not prepaid. Pk. 75c.; ½ bu. \$1.25; bu. \$2.25.

## COLLECTIONS OF POTATOES FOR 1897.

Every year I make up special collections of seed potatoes for the benefit of my customers who want to get a start at a very small expense and everyone who orders them writes me that they are highly pleased with this plan of securing seed potatoes. The following boxes are made up of medium size, whole potatoes and if properly planted and cared for cannot fail but produce an excellent crop. All orders received in severe cold weather will be booked and shipped just as soon as it is safe without freezing.

### BOX No. 1.--5 KINDS, \$1.00 BY MAIL.

For only \$1.00 I will send two good potatoes each of the KING OF THE EARLIEST, (See page 23,) EARLY FORTUNE, (See page 24,) MILLS' BANNER, (See page 24,) MILLS' ENDURANCE, (See page 25,) LONG KEEPER, (See page 25.)

This will give you five of the choicest kinds of potatoes in cultivation, ten good potatoes, and with good cultivation, there is no reason why you cannot get an excellent start. I sell thousands of these excellent collections every spring and they give entire satisfaction. This box will be sent to any address in the U. S. for \$1.00 or to Canada for \$1.25.

### Box No. 2.--5 KINDS, 60c. BY MAIL,

For only 60c. I will send one good potato each of KING OF THE EARLIEST, IRISH MIGNONS, MILLS' BANNER, LONG KEEPER and EARLY FORTUNE. This will give you five of the choicest kinds of potatoes in cultivation, and there is no reason why you cannot get an excellent start, and for the small investment of 60 cts., you certainly will be more than pleased. If this box is sent to Canada 15 cts. extra should be added to pay extra postage. If you order this box order something else to make the order amount to \$1.00, and get 50c. worth of seeds free. (See back of order sheet.)

### BOX No. 3--5 KINDS, \$1.00 BY EXPRESS.

For only \$1.00 I will send by Express, customer to pay the express charges on receipt of box, two pounds each of KING OF THE EARLIEST, (See page 23,) two pound EARLY FORTUNE, (See page 24,) two pounds MILLS' BANNER, (See page 24,) two pound MILLS' ENDURANCE, (See page 25,) and one pound EARLY WHITE STAR (See page 25.)

This will give you nine pounds of the choicest and best varieties and from this small investment of \$1.00 you should have several barrels. In ordering the express box be sure to give your express office, but if you should desire to have it sent by mail I can do so if you add \$1.00 extra to pay postage, and Canadian customers, who desire sent by mail should add \$2.00. I would advise customers in the far South and West to have it sent by mail for the express charges would be more than \$1.00. The \$1.00 mail box will give you just as good a start as the express box but of course you do not get much seed and cannot raise as many potatoes. You of course understand that according to my rules that if you order either the mail or express box for \$1.00 you have the privilege of selecting 50 cts. worth of seeds from my catalogue free. (See back of order sheet.)

## COMBINATION PACKAGE OF SEEDS AND POTATOES,--\$1.00.

For several years I have offered a collection similar to this but not as good and nothing has ever given such great satisfaction as this combination package. Thousands have been sent to every section of the country and I have never received a single complaint. I have improved the collection this year and know it is as good an offer can be found in any seed catalogue in America. The collection contains one regular sized packet of the following varieties of vegetable seeds and six pounds of choice potatoes.

BEANS.—Mills' Rust Proof Wax. BEET.—Eclipse Blood Turnip. CABBAGE.—Mills' Allhead Early, and Large Late Drumhead. CARROT.—Improved Long Orange. SWEET CORN.—Mills' First of All and Late Mammoth. POP CORN.—Tom Thumb. CUCUMBER.—Improved Long Green. LETTUCE.—Improved Hanson. MUSK MELON.—Mills' Earliest. WATER MELON.—Fordhook Early. ONION.—Yellow Globe Danvers and Large Red Wethersfield. PEAS.—Bliss' Everbearing. PARSNIP.—The Student. PEPPER.—Etna. PUMPKIN.—Winter Luxury. RADISH.—Mills' Earliest and Long Scarlet Short Top. SPINACH.—Round Thick Leaved. SQUASH.—Improved Hubbard. TOMATO.—Mills' Matchless. TURNIP.—White Egg. Also 1 lb. of KING OF THE EARLIEST Potato, the new early variety; 2 lbs. EARLY FORTUNE, the well-known variety so largely planted by everyone for the home garden and early market; 2 lbs. MILLS' BANNER, the well-known variety so largely planted by everyone for the home garden and early market; 1 lb. MILLS' LONG KEEPER, the wonderful variety having such long keeping qualities. This one variety, LONG KEEPER, is worth the entire price to anyone, above 24 pkts. of seeds and the 6 lbs. of potatoes will be sent to any address for \$1.00, purchaser to pay the express charges or receipt of the package. I can send this package by mail if 80 cts. extra is inclosed to pay postage, Canadian customers should \$1.60 to pay postage if they desire it sent by mail. Do not forget that you are entitled to 50 cts. worth of seeds free in pkts. if order this package or any thing else to that amount.

Including all the rare novelties.

I offer the very best grade of flower seeds and I know my customers will find that the following list can be relied upon. The seeds are all carefully tested before putting up and are first class in every respect. The very extensive trials made the past season in my large trial grounds enable me to give an accurate description of everything offered in the following list. Remember if you order \$1.00 worth of anything from this catalogue you may select 50 cts. worth of seeds in pkts. free. (See order sheet) All prices for Flower Seeds are by mail postpaid. If you or your neighbors want \$5.00 worth of seeds, &c., do not forget to send for my Planters' Wholesale Price List which is free to anyone and will save you nearly 50 per cent.

**ALYSSUM.**

Sweet, Pure White.—Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Little Gem.**—Nearly 2 to 4 inches high, and a plant will completely cover a circle 12 to 14 inches in diameter. Flowers are pure white. Per pkt. 5 cts.



New Comet Aster.

☉ **Asters.** I have the finest varieties of Asters ever offered and the seeds are first class in every respect.

**Comet Deep Rose.**—This is one of the most beautiful Asters grown and produces large double flowers of artistic beauty and cannot be fully described. The rose shade is a very delicate color. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Comet, finest Mixed.**—This contains all the shades among the comet Asters. An excellent selection. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**The Wonderful Branching Asters.**

**White Branching.**—This grand new Aster is of American origin and has no superior. It is easily grown from the seed and has a wonderful branching character. The magnificent pure white flowers are from 3½ to 4 inches in diameter, and borne upon long stems, which make them excellent for cutting. The petals are very long and many of them, more or less curved and twisting in such a manner as to give the blossoms the appearance of large graceful Chrysanthemums. The plant is one of the strongest growers, and they are a great sight when in bloom. They continue to bloom late in the autumn, a season when there is a scarcity of such flowers. The length of the stems make them the most useful flowers in existence, and are greatly admired by all who see them. The seed I offer is of my own growing and extra selected, and will produce flowers of a waxy white. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Branching Aster, Mixed Colors.**—These Asters are similar in habit of growth to the White Branching and they will produce some of the most handsome colors found among asters. They grow to a large size and it will be necessary to see them growing in order to know their real beauty. The colors are simply wonderful. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**New Yellow Aster.**—This great novelty has long been sought for, and is the only Yellow Aster I have ever grown in my grounds. The form of the double flowers is a perfect ball and they are borne upon long erect stems, which make them excellent for cutting. It is a splendid flower. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Imbricated Yellow.**—Produces lemon or light yellow blossoms, and very near to the pure yellow aster. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Triumph.**—A real novelty, and forms compact plants only about 8 inches high and is of a pure scarlet when beginning to bloom, and then changing to a magnificent satiny scarlet. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Hedgehog or Needle.**—So called because it is composed of long quilled-pointed petals. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Mills' New Rose Mixed.**—One of the finest asters in cultivation, and always produces flowers of many shades of rose. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Truffaut's Peony Flowered Perfection Mixed.**—A popular aster, very double, with large flowers and incurved petals; 18 inches to 2 feet high. Nearly 30 colors mixed. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**New Large Flowering Dwarf Queen Asters.**—This is one of the handsomest dwarf queen asters grown. Plan's grow only 6 to 8 inches high, perfectly double and branch freely. I offer the following colors:

**Pure White.**—Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Crimson.**—Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Light Blue.**—Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Dark Blue.**—Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**All Colors Mixed.**—Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

**Dwarf Chrysanthemum Mixed.**—Produces large double flowers, resembling the Chrysanthemum. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Finest Mixed.**—This is a mixture that cannot be equaled and those who want a great variety should plant it. Per pkt. 5 cts.

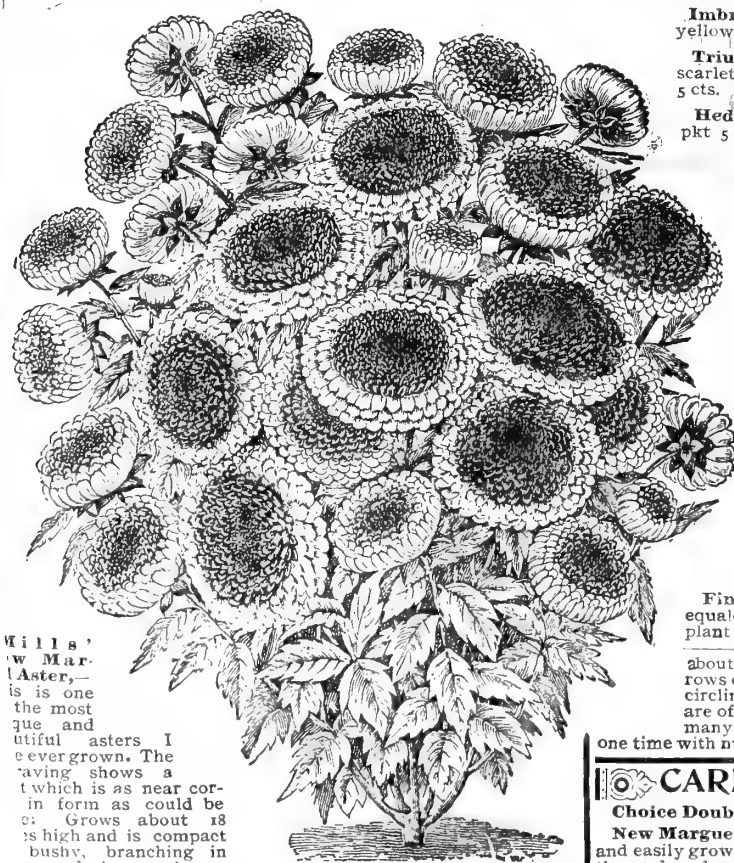
about 3½ inches in diameter. The three outside rows of the recurved petals are of pure white encircling a raised center of incurved petals, which are of a rich blood red in color. I have counted as many as 25 flowers fully open on a single plant at

one time with numberless buds still to open. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.

☉ **CARNATIONS.** Perpetual or tree. One of the finest Carnations for winter forcing. Per pkt. 15c.; 2 pkts. 25c.

**Choice Double Mixed.**—Only a small per cent will come single. Per pkt. 8 cts.; 3 pkts. 15 cts.

**New Marguerite Carnations.**—As shown by the beautiful engraving, this is the handsomest carnation and easily grown from the seed. If sown early they will flower in about 4 months from time of planting the seed, and continue until checked by frost. They grow almost as easy as the Chinese Pinks. The plants are of a branching character and stand upright without any support, and I find they will winter in open ground without protection, which makes them very hardy. Per pkt. 6 cts.; 2 pkts. 10 cts.



Mills' Marvel Aster.



Marguerite Carnation.

Mills' New Marvel Aster, is one of the most beautiful asters I ever grown. The plant shows a branching character which is as near correct in form as could be desired. Grows about 18 inches high and is compact bushy, branching in profusion, and produces very double flowers



## ◎ BALSAMS, I have the finest strains of Balsams that are offered.

**Perfection White**,—A fine strain and without doubt the best white Balsam grown. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Crimson Spotted**,—A deep crimson spotted with white. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Garnet Red**,—Brilliant garnet red of a most striking beauty. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 10c.

**Perfection Pink**,—Rich deep pink in center, spreading gradually to a light rosebud pink at the petals. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Scarlet**,—Brightest colors. Per pkt. 6c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**New Rosebud Mixed**,—Plants extra large, all colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mill's Defiance Splendid Mixed**,—This is without doubt the most attractive in form and produces the largest flowers and the plants are completely crowded with flowers of great beauty. This is one of the very best mixtures and my favorite variety. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

**Superb Perfection Mixed**,—This is a very good mixture, perfectly double, all colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Annual Varieties, (Mixed)**—Free bloomers and makes good show during the summer and autumn months. Per pkt. 5c.

## CONVOLVULUS MINOR.

Form bushy plants which produce a mass of flowers, and are called by some Dwarf Morning Glories.

**Mixed Colors**,—Per pkt. 5c.

## CANNA.

**Crozy's New Dwarf**,—Very attractive, with bright flowers, each with a golden border. Per pkt. 5c.

**Warszewiczii**,—Red flowers and stripped foliage. Per pkt. 5c.

**Splendid Mixed**,—All the best colors. Per pkt. 5c.

## CALLIOPSIS.

**Golden Wave**,—Forms a mass of bright golden colors; very attractive. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mixed Calliopsis**,—Per pkt. 5c.

## HOLLYHOCK.

This is a splendid flower and my extra choice double mixed is the finest seed on the market. Per pkt. 8c. 3 pkts. 15c.

## FEVERFEW.

**Handsome Free Flowering Plants**,—Per pkt. 5c.

## MUSK PLANT.

**New Compact**,—Excellent for beds, and also attractive for pot culture. Per pkt. 5c.

## HIBISCUS.

**Hollyhock**,—Hardy Hybrids,—Per pkt. 5c.

## MIGNONETTE.

**New Quaker City**,—Of handsome Gold red color and rich sweet fragrance. Good for pot culture. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Giant Flowered Red**—Flower spikes are of enormous size, blossoms of an intense bright red color; grows about 16 inches high. Per pkt. 5c.

**Pure Machet**,—Of dwarf habit, and they throw up flower stalks bearing massive spikes of reddish gray flowers. Per pkt. 5c.



Quaker City Mignonette.

**Golden Queen**,—Bear spikes of yellowish blossoms, of pyramidal habit. Per pkt. 5c.

**Hybrid Spinal**,—Flowers white, very fragrant, spikes 8 to 12 inches long, and of a branching character. Per pkt. 5c.

**Sweet**—Large flowering. Per pkt. 5c.

**Fine Mixed**,—This embraces all known varieties and is very fine. Per pkt. 5c.

## Chrysanthemums.

**Perennial Varieties (Mixed)**—One of the finest plants for winter flowering. Perennial Chrysanthemums cross fertilize and seldom any two plants are alike. By sowing a packet of this seed you are liable to get something new. Per pkt. 10c. 2 pkts. 15c.

**Golden Feather**,—Has a golden foliage and a dark velvety skin. The center is surrounded by a circle of beautiful golden yellow, followed by another of clear rich crimson. Per pkt. 8c. 3 pkts. 15c.



Chrysanthemums.

◎ **DIANTHUS**, Chinese Pink. Comprises the most beautiful varieties of rich and varied colors; bloom continually all summer and fall until killed by the frost. They live unprotected over winter and bloom freely the next season. Plants grow from 10 to 15 inches high.



**Choice Mixed**—Colors being selected with great care. per pkt. 5c.

**Diadematus (Double Diadem Pink)**—Rich shades of white and black colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Imperialis (Double Imperial Pink)**—A splendid variety. Per pkt. 5c.

◎ **FOUR O'CLOCK**, Marvel of Peru. Well known and a very attractive flower.

**Mixed Colors**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Variegated**—Brilliant flowers in rich colors gold striped foliage. Per pkt. 5c.

## LARKSPUR.

**Double Dwarf Rocket (Finest Mixed)**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Tall Rocket**—Per pkt. 5c.

**New Butterfly (All Mixed Colors)**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Emperor**—Noted for large number of spikes on a single plant. Per pkt. 5c.

◎ **DAHLIAS**, I offered seed that if sown in the spring will produce a magnificent display of flowers by fall.



Dahlias.

**Large Flowering (Double Mixed)**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Extra Choice Large Flowering (Double Mixed)**—Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

◎ **PETUNIAS**, These are very showy, either in beds or masses, and are great favorites on account of their richness of color, fragrance, and long continuous bloom.



PETUNIAS.

**Mills' Defiance Largest Flowering**—A new strain, of immense size, as shown by the illustration; flowers frequently measure five inches in diameter, and many are beautifully fringed and they certainly are the finest strains of Petunias ever offered. Per pkt. 10c. 3 pkts. 20c.

**Mills' Large Flowering Fringed and Stained**—The handsome flowers are double fringed with elegant shades of purple, rose and lavender. It is an extra fine variety. Per pkt. 10c. 3 pkts. 20c.

**Red Star**—the plants are crowded with bright flowers, each having pure white star-like stripes. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Fine Mixed**—One of the finest attractions, and contains all the colors in Petunias. Per pkt. 5c. 27

## HELIOTROPE.



A great favorite on account of its beautiful fragrance. It is easily raised from the seed, and if sown in the open ground will produce flowers in August. But the seed will do better if sown in the house, and set out in the open ground when the weather is warm.

### Black King.

Plants bloom profusely until frost, and are of a rich dark purple, nearly black. Per pkt. 8c; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Lady in White.**—Similar to Black King, while the large clusters of fragrant flowers are spotless white. Per pkt. 8c; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Dark Bouquet.**—Large flower heads are intensely dark, of deep blue color, and of unusual beauty. Per pkt. 5c.

**Choice Mixed.**—This is a very fine mixture. Per pkt. 5c.

### CELOSIA (Cockscomb).

**Fire Feathered.**—Grows nearly 3 feet high and is covered with flower heads of intense orange scarlet or fire color. Per pkt. 5c.

**Variegated.**—Very fine. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Giant Empress.**—Has mammoth purple combs, and dark brown foliage. Per pkt. 5c.

**Queen of the Dwarfs.**—This is a fine bedding sort of rich rose color. Per pkt. 5c.

**Gold Feather.**—Similar to Fire Feather, except flower heads, which are of a bright golden color. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tall Mixed.**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Feathered Varieties Mixed.**—Per pkt. 5c.

### DAISY (Bellis).

**Longfellow.**—Very large doubled rose colored flowers. Per pkt. 8c; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Fine German Doubled Mixed.**—Extra Fine. Per pkt. 8c; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Extra Double White.**—Double flowers borne on long stems, pure white, and valuable for cutting. Per pkt. 10c; 3 pkts. 20c.

### DATURA (Sweet Nightingale).

A grand evening flower, opens about sunset and lasts until near noon the next day; free bloomers, pure white. Per pkt. 5c.

### NASTURTIUMS.

**Cloth of Gold.**—Foliage of clear bright yellow. Plant dwarf with deep scarlet flowers, excellent for bedding. Per pkt. 5c.

**Rose.**—A very delicate shade. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tom Thumb Beauty.**—An excellent variety of yellow and scarlet. Per pkt. 5c.

**Empress of India.**—Dwarf and bushy in habit, leaves dark purplish blue, flowers crimson scarlet. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tom Thumb Varieties (Mixed).**—Includes all the Tom Thumb Varieties with their choice colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tall (Mixed).**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Dwarf (Mixed).**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Fine (Mixed).**—All colors, embraces them all. Per pkt. 5c.

### FORGET-ME-NOT (Myosotis).

**Alpestris Blue.**—Free flowering. Per pkt. 5c.

### MARIGOLD.

**The Pygmae.**—Begin to bloom very soon after they are above the ground, when only two or three inches high. Petals bordered with bright yellow. Per pkt. 5c.

**African Double Mixed.**—One of the best varieties. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tall Striped Mixed.**—Fine. Per pkt. 5c.

**French Double Mixed.**—Very large. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mixed Colors.**—This includes all varieties. Per pkt. 5c.

### OXALIS.

**Mixed Varieties.**—Will produce a profusion of bloom all summer from seed sown in the spring, and should be in every garden. Per pkt. 5c.

### FOXGLOVE.

**Fine Mixed.**—Per pkt. 5c.

## PHLOX.

**Large Blood Red.**—This is the darkest color of all, being of the deepest blood red color, rich and beautiful. Per pkt. 5c.

**Chamois Rose White Eye.**—They range through the several shades of pink or Chamois rose, each distinct with a white eye. Per pkt. 5c.

**Pure White.**—The very best pure white variety. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Large Yellow.**—No variety is more admired than this, being a rich straw yellow. Flowers extra large and oorn in clusters. Per pkt. 5c.

**Starred and Fringed.**—(Star of Quedlinburg.) This is the finest starred and fringed variety, having a bright eye in center. Mixed colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Dwarf Compact.**—They grow nearly 6 inches high, covered with bright large flowers. Mixed colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Surprise (Mixed).**—Colors are the most brilliant and numerous. It is an extra choice strain. Per pkt. 5c.

**Fancy (Mixed).**—Extra choice selection for variety and richness of color. Per pkt. 5c.



Fancy Mixed Phlox.

**Fine (Mixed).**—Embraces nearly everything. Per pkt. 5c.

## GOURDS.

**Ornamental Fine Mixed.**—Per pkt. 5c.

### GOETIA (Satin Flower).

**Ladies' Satin Rose.**—Handsome flowers of carmine crimson, petals tinged, shines like satin. Per pkt. 5c.

**Fine Mixed Colors.**—Per pkt. 5c.

## PORTULACA.

**Finest Single (Mixed).**—Brilliant colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Double Rose Flowered (Mixed).**—These are unsurpassed for beauty. Per pkt. 5c.

### PRIMULA (Chinese Primrose).

**Rosy Morn.**—Very pretty and attractive. A great favorite for winter blooming in the house. Per pkt. 15c; 2 pkts. 25c.

**Splendid (Mixed).**—All sorts. Per pkt. 8c; 3 pkts. 15c.

### RACINUS (Castor Oil Bean).

Known as Castor Oil plant. Foliage has a subtropical effect on lawn or flower garden. Per pkt. 5c.

### SALVIA SPLENDENS (Scarlet Sage).

The brilliant colors are almost painful to look upon, of the brightest scarlet color. Per pkt. 5c.

## SMILAX.

A desirable window vine of charming glossy green, graceful foliage. Per pkt. 5c.

## POPPIES.

**Golden Gate.**—One of the handsomest flowers I have ever grown. Flower throughout the summer and every color imaginable will be found among them, striped, blotched, edged, bordered, double, semi-double, in fact, they cannot be fully described. Per pkt. 5c.

**Snowdrift.**—A grand variety, large pure white flowers, perfectly round and double. Per pkt. 5c.

**Vesuvius.**—Each flower is a glowing ball of vivid scarlet with a distinct stripe of pure white. Per pkt. 5c.

**Fairview Fairy Blush.**—One of the handsomest poppies grown, produce immense flowers, perfectly double and at a little distance has the effect of a large white feathery ball overcast with a rosy shade. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mikado.**—Petals at the edge are cut and fringed, pure white at the back, while the fringed edges are brilliant crimson scarlet. Per pkt. 5c.

**Double Red.**—Large, handsome double flowers of bright red color. Per pkt. 5c.

**Double Carnation (Mixed).**—The dazzling richness of this mixture is unequalled. All colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Fire Dragon.**—Plants are covered with large deep scarlet flowers with black spots margined white. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Tulip.**—A new variety of poppies, the flowers being more tulip shaped than any others. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Shirley.**—Flowers are large, single and extremely showy. Per pkt. 5c.

**Superb (Mixed).**—This embraces all the varieties known and is one of the finest mixtures that can be produced. Per pkt. 5c.

### SWEET WILLIAM.

**Double (Mixed).**—A hardy Perennial, grows about 18 inches high. All colors, mixed. Per pkt. 5c.

**Single (Mixed).**—A splendid strain of bright colors. Per pkt. 5c.

## VIOLETS.

**White Czar.**—Sweet scented, largest flowering. Per pkt. 5c.

**Admiration.**—Very choice, has a yellow eye. Per pkt. 5c.

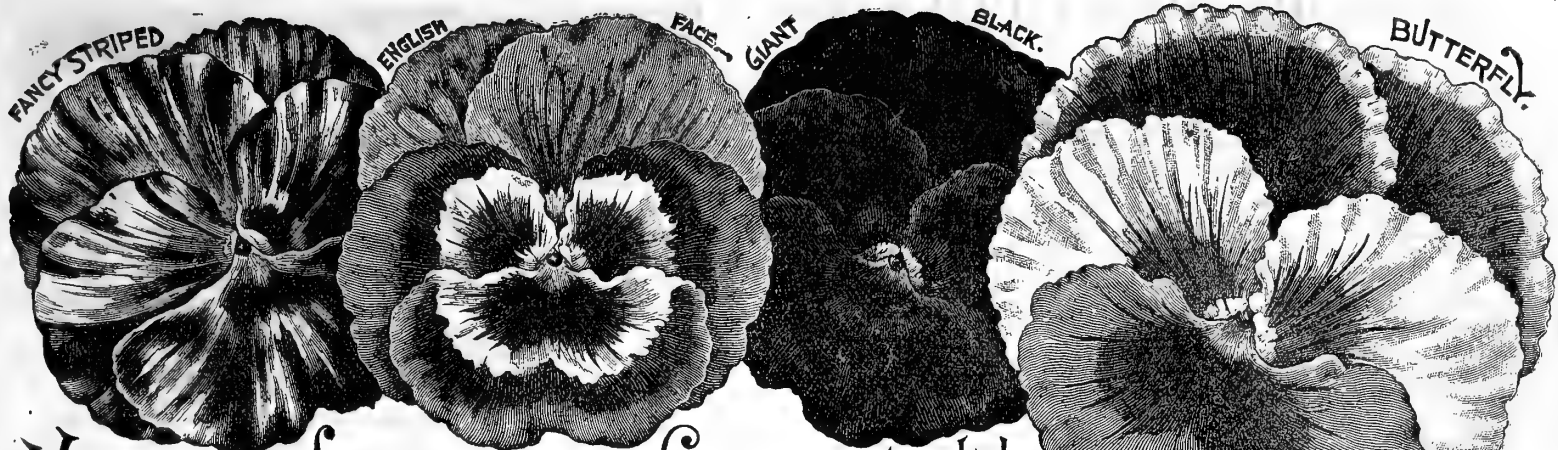
**Purple Queen.**—Exceedingly beautiful, of a rich deep purple. Per pkt. 5c.

**Finest Mixed.**—Embraces all the different colors. Per pkt. 5c.



Fairview Fairy Blush Poppy





## MILLS' SURPASSING PANSIES. DRAWN FROM NATURE.

THE FOLLOWING list of Pansies is the finest that can be offered and after thorough trials at Fairview Farm of all known varieties the following were selected. Each variety shown on this page was drawn by my artist from nature and correctly shows the flowers. All of my Pansy seed is grown with great care and I have the finest varieties in the world. I also offer plants of my best mixture. Please examine the prices.

**Snow Queen or Snow Flake** (see engraving.)—Flowers of pure delicate satiny white. Per pkt. 5c.

**Pure Yellow**—Large golden flowers. Per pkt. 5c.

**Striped and Mottled**—Very fine and exceedingly beautiful. Per pkt. 5c.

**Azure Blue**—Very fine. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mahogany Colored**—Elegant colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Silver Edged**—Dark purple with white border. Per pkt. 5c.

**King of the Blacks**—Flowers intensely dark, almost coal black. Per pkt. 5c.

**Gold Margined**—Strikingly handsome. Per pkt. 5c.

**Emperor William**—Flowers of splendid ultramarine blue with purple eye. Per pkt. 5c.

**Delicate**—Delicate color. Per pkt. 5c.

**Indigo King**—Very dark. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Butterfly** (see engraving.)—Recently introduced, of large size. Butterfly in all colors. Per pkt. 5c.; 4 pkts. 15c.

**Royal Prize Mixed**—One of the best fancy striped, spotted and giant flowered pansies of all colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**World's Columbian Mixed**—One of the finest mixtures and contains more of the choicest kinds than any other except the Alice. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**The Alice**—This is the best mixture I have, and produces flowers of immense size and most wonderful colors. Pkt. 10c. 3 pkts. 15c.

**Fine Mixed**—Contains nearly all colors. Per pkt. 5c.

**Rosy Morn** (See engraving.)—This is a beautiful rosy red with a distinct white edge around each petal, while the three lower petals are blotched with a deep purplish red. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Fire King** (see engraving.)—The three lower petals each have a large blotch of deep brown red or magenta margined with yellow and the upper petals are of a bright reddish brown of striking color. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Victoria Red**—Flowers a beautiful deep rich red color and of large size. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Peacock** (see engraving.)—This beautiful Pansy was named Peacock on account of its beautiful ultramarine blue contained in the upper petals of the flowers, which resemble the feathers of a peacock. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Meteor**—Bright canary yellow and the three lower petals are spotted with mahogany brown and the two upper petals with reddish brown. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**English Face** (see engraving.)—Flowers light blue in color, each marked with a distinct face. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Giant Trimardeau**—Of extra large size, generally marked with three large blotches or spots. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Cassier's Giant Odier**—Immense size of rich colors. Per pkt. 8c.; 2 pkts. 10c.

**Rose Marbled**—Very beautiful. Per pkt. 5c.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES. This is a new strain of pansies of magnificent colors. Flowers simply immense in size. I offer the following colors.

**Black Prince**—Magnificent flowers, glossy black but particularly soft and velvety. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Crown Prince**—Deep velvety black with gold bronze face. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Deep Yellow**—Very rich and spotless. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Fancy Striped** (see engraving.)—Most brilliant colors. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Large Spotted Yellow**—Very attractive. Per pkts. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Large Spotted White**—Flowers of snowy appearance. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Red Riding Hood**—contains shades of most brilliant red. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Rosy Lilac**—Very pleasing color. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Gold Bronze Marbled**—Reddish gold of various shades, odd and striking. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 20c.

**Imperial German**—Splendid mixed; embraces all colors and markings of above. Per pkt. 10c.; 5 pkts. 20c.

## MILLS' DEFIANCE PANSIES. This is a new strain of Pansies of magnificent giant size. Flowers simply immense. I offer the following colors:

**Giant Pure Gold**—Bright golden yellow flowers with black face. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Fancy Striped**—Embraces many odd markings and produces enormous flowers. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Beaconfield**—Extra large flowers of deep violet, shaded off to a white hue. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Black** (see engraving.)—Nearly double the size of all other black varieties. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Fancy Spotted** (see engraving.)—These are curiously marked with all shades and colors, of large size. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Fancy Five Spotted**—Each petal is marked in odd ways beyond description. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Giant Show**—Produces giant flowers of the best colors. Per pkt. 10c.; 4 pkts. 25c.

**Mills' Defiance**—Finest mixed colors, embracing all seed described above. Per pkt. 15c.; 3 pkts. 30c.

## CHOICE PANSY PLANTS READY IN APRIL.

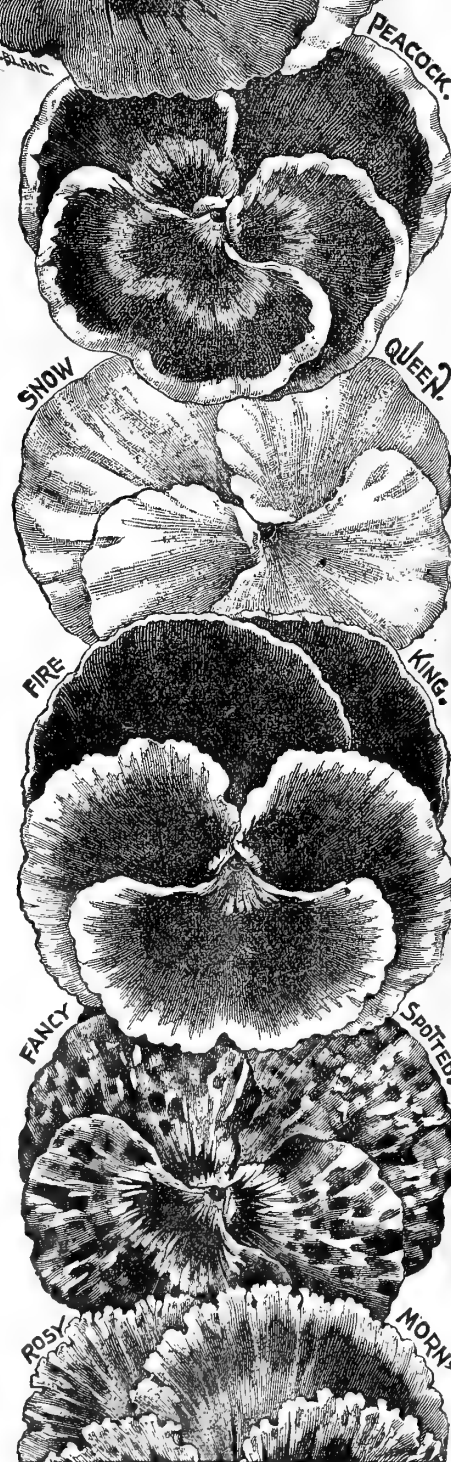
I not only sell the choicest pansy seed but always have to offer the choicest Pansy Plants in the world and send them by mail or express to any part of the United States and guarantee satisfaction. The plants I offer are grown from seed raised from selected plants which are grown at Fairview Seed Farm and are pronounced by all far superior to any on the market. The plants will be carefully packed and sent out as soon in April as possible, and all orders received before them will be booked and filled in rotation. Price of good strong plants that are sure to bloom early and produce a magnificent variety of colors are as follows: 6 for 15c.; 12 for 25c.; 30 for 50c.; or 65 for \$1.00, by mail postpaid. By express, charges not prepaid, 100 for \$1.25; 500 for \$5.50; or 1000 for 10.00.

**ICE PLANT**—Fine for vases; icy foliage. Per pkt. 5c.

**LOBELIA (Erinus Compacta)**—Used for vases, hanging baskets, etc. Deep rich blue. Per pkt. 5c.

**Mixed Colors**—Per pkt. 5c.

**VIRGINIAN STOCKS (Fairy Queen)**—Hardy annual of the easiest culture. When first opening the color is of a rich carmine crimson. Per pkt. 5c. Mixed Colors—Per pkt. 5c.



# CUPID SWEET PEAS.

Unlike all others they grow only 5 inches high, and is the only Dwarf Sweet Pea ever known. The foliage is very dark green, flowers are waxy white and as large as the Emily Henderson or any of the other varieties. A large field of them at Fairview farm the past season was a novel sight, and they proved what is claimed, a dwarf grower, never exceeding 5 inches in height. They are a wonderful free bloomer and begin to flower as early as May if planted early and continue until killed by frost. They are highly recommended by all Sweet Pea growers. They bear two or three blossoms on a stem and all open about the same time, so it is unnecessary to pick stems with a bud and an open flower. They can easily be grown in the house and when grown in a 12 inch pot they just fill the top and with their blooms of glistening whiteness are wonderfully attractive. You should order some seed and be the first to have them in bloom in the house. Pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 25c.

**All the Choicest Sweet Peas.**—I have to offer all the very best varieties, charming in color, delightful in fragrance, and unsurpassed for bouquets. They bloom freely all summer and autumn if the flowers are cut off and not allowed to go to seed. Do not fail to order a good supply of the following varieties, either separate colors or mixtures:

- Apple Blossom**—Bright pink and blush. Per pkt. 5c.
- Countess of Radnor**—Delicate lavender. Per pkt. 5c.
- Delight**—White crested with crimson. Per pkt. 5c.
- Empress of India**—Rosy pink standard with wings. Per pkt. 5c.
- Invincible Carmine**—Of a bright crimson. Per pkt. 5c.

**The Senator**—Chocolate and creamy white. Per pkt. 5c.

**Scarlet Striped**—Very striking. Per pkt. 5c.

**Blushing Beauty**—Soft pink suffused with lilac. Per pkt. 5c.

**Emily Henderson**—It is claimed that this Sweet Pea is the largest pure white variety ever grown. Pkt. 5c.

**Pure White**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Fairview Finest Mixed**—My guilt edged or unsurpassed mixture. This contains the best colors, largest flowers, and is the most perfect mixture that can be had. It includes all of Ecksford's latest introductions as well as others, and I claim there are no better colors offered in any collection. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.; ¼ lb. 75c.; lb. \$2.30 post paid.

**Ecksford's Finest Mixed**—This is an excellent mixture and contains all the assortments of Ecksford's famous Sweet Peas. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.; ¼ lb. 35c.; lb. \$1.00 postpaid.

**World's Fair Mixed**—Another first-class mixture including all the varieties. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; lb. 60c. postpaid.

**Fine Mixed**—This is still another mixture of all the standard varieties. Per pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; ¼ lb. 20c.; lb. 50c. postpaid.

## CANDYTUFT.

**Pure White**—Splendid for floral work. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Carmine**—Per pkt. 5c.

**Extra Dark Crimson**—Pkt. 5c.

**Rocket**—White flowers borne on pyramidal spikes. Per pkt. 5c.

**New Dwarf Hybrid Mixed**—Of dwarf habit, from pure white to dark purple. Per pkt. 5c.

**Tom Thumb White**—Very dwarf. Per pkt. 5c.

**All Colors Mixed**—Per pkt. 5c.

## MOON FLOWERS.

**White Seeded**—Most largely grown, being larger in flower, having a sweeter odor than the black seeded varieties. Vines are covered with pure white flowers every night. They attain the height of nearly 25 ft. in a single season. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Crossbred or Hybrid**—This variety is of more value further North. It begins to bloom a month before the White Seeded, although the flowers are not so large. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Old Original Variety**—Makes a large growth of vines, flowers are of good size, some of a beautiful blue and others a pure white in color. Per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

## VERBENAS.

I have the finest collection of Verbenas. They flower early from seed.

**Pure White**—Excellent strain of large flowers, pure white in color. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

**Golden Leaved**—Flowers scarlet and leaves of a bright yellow shade. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

**Blue, With White Eye, Verbena.**

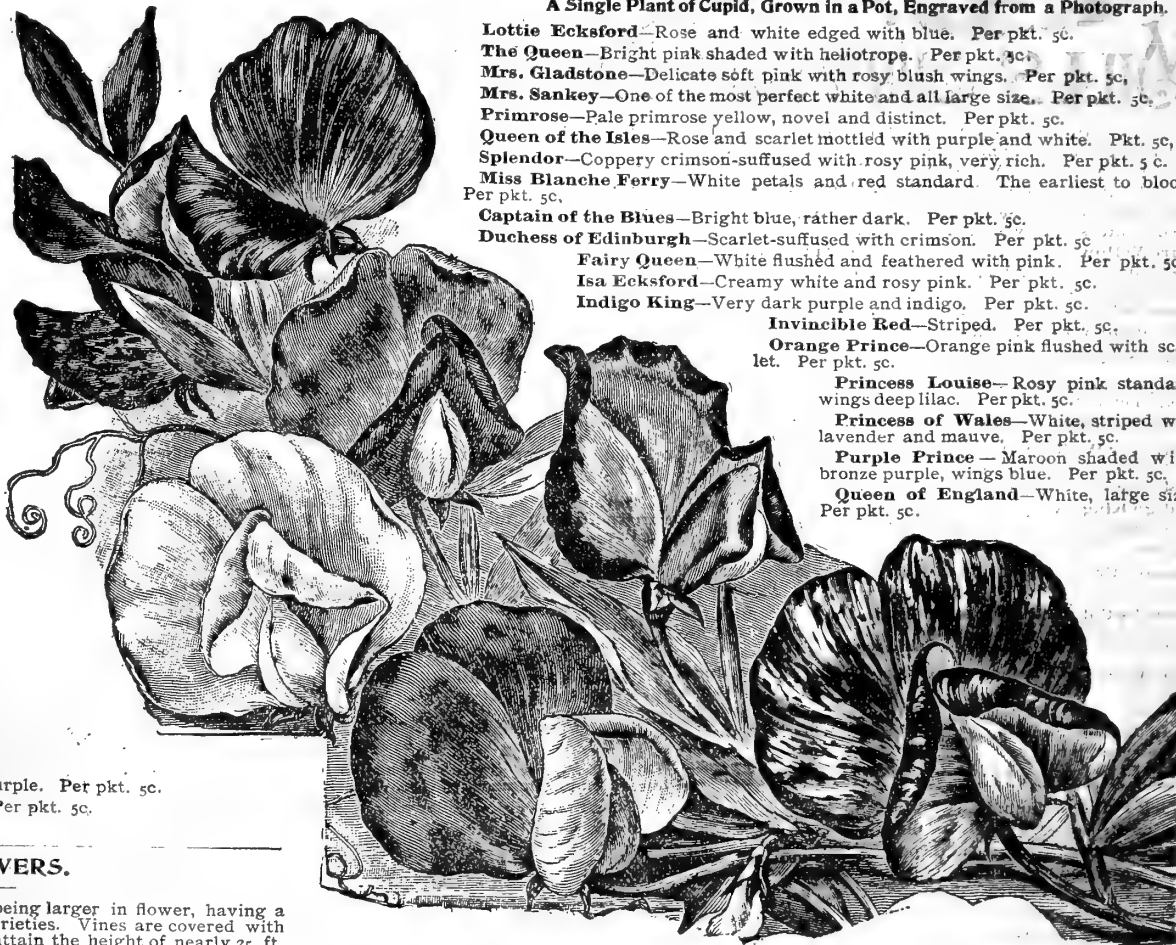
**Scarlet Defiance**—One of the richest colors found among Verbenas. Intensely deep rich color of the brightest scarlet. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

**Blue, With White Eye**—A light blue flower with a white eye. A bed of



A Single Plant of Cupid, Grown in a Pot, Engraved from a Photograph.

- Lottie Ecksford**—Rose and white edged with blue. Per pkt. 5c.
- The Queen**—Bright pink shaded with heliotrope. Per pkt. 5c.
- Mrs. Gladstone**—Delicate soft pink with rosy blush wings. Per pkt. 5c.
- Mrs. Sankey**—One of the most perfect white and all large size. Per pkt. 5c.
- Primrose**—Pale primrose yellow, novel and distinct. Per pkt. 5c.
- Queen of the Isles**—Rose and scarlet mottled with purple and white. Pkt. 5c.
- Splendor**—Coppery crimson-suffused with rosy pink, very rich. Per pkt. 5c.
- Miss Blanche Ferry**—White petals and red standard. The earliest to bloom. Per pkt. 5c.
- Captain of the Blues**—Bright blue, rather dark. Per pkt. 5c.
- Duchess of Edinburgh**—Scarlet-suffused with crimson. Per pkt. 5c.
- Fairy Queen**—White flushed and feathered with pink. Per pkt. 5c.
- Isa Ecksford**—Creamy white and rosy pink. Per pkt. 5c.
- Indigo King**—Very dark purple and indigo. Per pkt. 5c.
- Invincible Red**—Striped. Per pkt. 5c.
- Orange Prince**—Orange pink flushed with scarlet. Per pkt. 5c.
- Princess Louise**—Rosy pink standard, wings deep lilac. Per pkt. 5c.
- Princess of Wales**—White, striped with lavender and mauve. Per pkt. 5c.
- Purple Prince**—Maroon shaded with bronze purple, wings blue. Per pkt. 5c.
- Queen of England**—White, large size. Per pkt. 5c.



these make a grand sight. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

**Extra Choice Fine (Mixed)**—An excellent selection of the most brilliant colors. All the finest strains in cultivation. Per pkt. 5c.

## ZINNIAS.

**New Pompones**—The colors range from pure white through creams and buffs to a clear chrome yellow and the pinks to the deepest crimson and fiery coppers and reds. All colors, mixed. Pkt. 5c.

**Giant Mammoth Flowered**—Produce perfect formed double flowers, measuring nearly 5 inches across, of intense brilliant colors. Finest mixed colors. Pkt. 5c.

**Choice Double (Mixed)**—Embrace nearly all the varieties. Pkt. 5c.

**Striped Zebra**—Produce all colors, such as orange, pink, yellow, crimson, violet, rose, scarlet, white and many are striped with different shades and hardly any two plants produce flowers alike. Pkt. 5c.

**Tom Thumb**—A new strain of Zinnias of dwarf habit and produce large double flowers on bushes less than 12 inches high which are covered with double flowers of bright and rich colors. Pkt. 5c.

## EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

**Ammobium White**—Small flowers. Pkt. 5c.

**Helichrysum**—Large double flowers. I offer two varieties as follows:

**Fireball**—Of a rich crimson. Pkt. 5c.

**Golden Ball**—Flowers of the richest golden yellow. Pkt. 5c.

**Dwarf (Mixed)**—Pkt. 5c.

**Everlasting (Mixed)**—By planting a single packet an abundance of flowers which are very attractive will be produced. Pkt. 5c.

## WALL FLOWERS.

**Fine German (Double Mixed)**—Contains many shades of color. Pkt. 5c.

**Choice Single (Mixed)**—Pkt. 5c.

## MIXED FLOWER SEED FOR WILD GARDEN.

Embraces more than 100 varieties of the easiest grown and brightest flowers suitable for forming a wild flower garden, and will be very attractive throughout the season. Per pkt. 5c.



## CLIMBERS.

**Baloon Vine (Cardiospermum)**—It is of rapid growth and bright foliage. Pkt. 5c.  
**Canary Bird Flower**—This is another beautiful climber with handsome fringed rich yellow flowers and delicate foliage. Pkt. 5c.  
**Cruel Plant (Physianthus Albens)**—This climber takes its name from the fact that moths, ants, butterflies, etc., seeking honey in its perfumed flowers are caught and securely held. It produces beautiful bell-shaped pure white flowers. Pkt. 5c.  
**Cypress Vine**—One of the most elegant climbing vines. Fern-like foliage and star-shaped flowers. Pkt. 5c.  
**Dolichos (Hyacinth Bean)**—Rapid grower. Makes a dense and attractive screen. Pkt. 5c.  
**Coboea (Scandens)**—A graceful climber with large bell-shaped flowers of a violet hue and of rapid growth and fine foliage. Pkt. 5c.  
**Mammoth Passion Flower**—A popular climbing plant. In color somewhat odd, being blue, pink and white. Pkt. 5c.

## A WONDERFUL FLOWER BED FOR 30 CENTS.

The following collection of seeds and bulbs is the greatest one ever offered for a variety of colors, it will make a very attractive bed. Thousands of these were planted by my customers last season and they gave entire satisfaction throughout the United States and Canada. The collection contains the following:—

- 1 pkt. **Alice Pansy**—All colors mixed, simply grand.
- 1 pkt. **Phlox**—Fancy mixed, all wonderful colors.
- 1 pkt. **Sweet Peas**—Eckford's Mixed, over 30 kinds, splendid.
- 1 pkt. **Chinese Pinks**—Mixed colors, hardy and very showy.
- 1 pkt. **Petunia**—All colors, makes a gorgeous show.
- 1 pkt. **Poppies**—Mixed, a wonderful selection of colors.
- 1 pkt. **Mignonette**—Mixed, all kinds to be found, fragrant.
- 1 pkt. **Chrysanthemum**—All choicest kinds; very choice.
- 1 pkt. **Everlasting Flowers**—All colors, flowers keep for years.
- 1 pkt. **Mixed Flowers**—Over 100 kinds that grow and bloom.
- 2 bulbs **Excelsior Pearl Tuberoses**—Sure to bloom early.
- 4 bulbs **Gladioli**—One each of White, Pink, Scarlet, Variegated.
- 1 bulb **Gladioli**—Fancy mixed, lovely spikes, all colors.
- 1 bulb **Gladioli**—Lemoine, earliest of all, butterfly colors.
- 10 bulbs **Oxalis**—Sure to bloom. lovely colors.

These 10 packets of seeds and 20 choice bulbs that are offered (worth \$1.30) will all grow and flower this season and make a wonderful flower bed of many colors, and it certainly will be a great curiosity.

I offer this collection in 2 sizes and the only difference in them is that I increase the number of bulbs of each variety, which, of course, will simply make a larger bed and will accommodate those who will require a larger lot of flowers.

No. 1 Bed contains 10 pkts. of seed and 20 bulbs as mentioned above; Price, 30 cents, postpaid. No. 2 Bed contains 10 pkts of seed and four times as many (80) bulbs as No. 1. Price \$1.00

## MILLS' CHOICE SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

**B**ULBS known as Summer Flowering are those that will not bear freezing and should be taken up in the fall after frost, thoroughly dried, and stored away in the cellar until spring. All the bulbs I offer are grown in large quantities and are now stored away in my warehouse in fine condition and all orders will be promptly filled. Prices are by mail postpaid. If you expect to buy \$5.00 worth of seeds or bulbs, it will pay you to send for *Planters' Wholesale Catalogue* and save nearly 50 per cent. It is free to all asking for it.

## TUBE-ROSES.

**New Excelsior Double Pearl.**—This strain has been selected with great care and is superior to the ordinary Pearl Tuberoses. It is characterized by its short robust stems and long spikes of flowers produced in great profusion, perfectly double, and nearly twice the size of the ordinary Tuberoses, but of equally delicious fragrance. This variety is more largely planted than any other. Price of large flowering bulbs 5 cts. each, 6 for 25 cts., 15 50 cts., 25, 75 cts., postpaid.

**Orange Flowered Tuberoses.**—A beautiful variety with single flowers and more certain to bloom early in the season than any other and much harder than the double tuberoses. Has pure snow-white flowers, orange-blooms in sweetness. Flowering bulbs 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cts., 15 for 50 cts., by mail postpaid.

**New Early Flowering Branching Albino Tuberoses.**—Petals recurve gracefully which adds to the size of the flowers and it flowers 30 days earlier than the other varieties. Spikes large, evenly filled, and produce from 3 to 4 flower stems from a single bulb. It is always of the brightest waxy white and might be said to resemble a species of Jessamine as much as a Tuberoses both in appearance and fragrance. Good for forcing under glass. Extra choice bulbs 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents, 15 for 50 cents, by mail, postpaid.

**Variegated Leaved Tuberoses.**—These continue to grow and bloom year after year. Leaves are bordered with creamy white. Flowers single, very large and of excellent fragrance and blooms earlier than most any other sort which adds greatly to their value. Flowering bulbs 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents, 15 for 50 cents, by mail, postpaid.

## RESURRECTION PLANTS.

**Rose of Jericho**—This is one of the greatest wonders of the vegetable world, a relic of the Holy Land. Imagine a bunch of withered looking branches and really dead, perhaps for 100 years. Place it in water. Lo, what a transformation! In a few minutes the withered-looking thing has opened and displayed a beautiful branches like a bunch of coral. When dry they close again. I have obtained plants from Syria and can furnish nice specimens for 15c. each. But what is more important, I have also succeeded in getting seed of them one with enterprise can raise their own plants, which makes a pretty little inches high covered with green leaves and elder like flowers. When dry they curl up. Pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 15c.

**Mexican Resurrection Plant**—I also have this plant to offer, which it displays a beautiful patch of moss. Price 10c. each, 3 for 20c.

**Resurrection Flower**—This is actually a dead bunch of flowers which, ed in water, will open before your eyes in 2 or 3 minutes. Price 15c. each, 2

## 20-CENT FLOWER SEED COLLECTION.

**F**OR only 20 cents I will send the following 15 kinds of choice Flower Seeds. postpaid to any address in the United States, one regular size packet of each a directions for culture. Mills' New Rose Aster, Rose Bud Balsam, mixed, just out, in mense size, double as a rose; White Fragrant Candytuft, excellent for borders; New Butterfly Larkspur, mixed, finest colors ever offered; Pygmy Marigold, a rare curiosity and a sight to see when growing; Mills' defiance Pansy, mixed, mammoth size; Petunia, fine mixed, simply elegant and is the best selection ever offered. Sweet Mignonette, very fragrant and highly prized for flower beds; Mills' Surprise Phlox, mixed, really a surprise and curiosity; Snow Drift Poppy, double, choice, white, very fine; Superb mixed Poppy, finest and most curious varieties in the world; World's Fair Sweet Peas, mixed, no other kind can equal these for beauty and greater variety of color; Pomponne Zinnia, mixed, largest and finest in the world; Calliopsis, mixed, very showy; Sweet Alyssum, very rare. Fifteen full size packets only 20 cents, postpaid.

## SUMMER FLOWERING OXALIS.

The little bulbs are somewhat larger than peas and can be planted the first of May or earlier and will quickly produce an unbroken row of handsome clover like foliage with pink flowers. Price, 25 for 10 cents, 50 for 15 cents, 100 for 25 cents, postpaid.

## SURPRISE COLLECTION OF SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS, 25c.

For only 25 cents I will send to any address, postpaid, 20 choice Summer Flowering Bulbs. They will all grow and bloom freely this season and give a great amount of satisfaction. This collection will not be made up of just one kind of bulbs but comprise many different varieties.



## MILLS' SUPERB GLADIOLI.

**G**LADIOLI is the most showy and easiest grown of the Summer Flowering Bulbs. My Fancy Mixed is the finest mixture that can be found and many acres of them when in bloom at the Fairview Farm the past season were very attractive and the admiration of all.

**Fancy Mixed**—This excellent mixture cannot be excelled and is superior to those generally sold as mixtures and made up of the cheap varieties containing so many red colors. You can rely upon their blooming freely and embrace shades of the most beautiful colors, yellow, crimson, buff, salmon, lemon, pink, rose, white, cherry, maroon, scarlet, and in fact all odd marked sorts that one could think of. **First Size**, extra choice flowering bulbs, 4 cents each, 5 for 15 cents, 12 for 30 cents, 50 for \$1.00, 100 for \$1.75 postpaid. **Second Size**, bulbs which will be sure to flower the first summer, 6 for 10 cents, 12 for 15 cents, 50 for 60 cents, 100 for \$1.00, postpaid.

## A REMARKABLE OFFER OF FIVE MIXED GLADIOLI UNDER COLOR.

**Extra White and Light**—A very choice variety of white and light shades. Price, 3 for 10 cts., 12 for 35 cts., 50 for \$1.25, postpaid.

**Yellow and Orange**—Best yellow colors, 2 for 10 cts., 12 for 50 cts., 50 for \$2.00, postpaid.

**Striped and Variegated**—Extra fine; splendid for masses under solid color. Price, 2 for 10 cts., 12 for 50 cts., 50 for \$1.25, postpaid.

**Pink**—Fine pink and rose shades. Price, 3 for 10 cts., 12 for 35 cts., 50 for \$1.25, postpaid.

**Scarlet and Red**—Extra fine and of the brightest shades of scarlet and red. Price, 3 for 10 cts., 12 for 25 cts., 50 for \$1.00, postpaid.

## TWO BEAUTIFUL NAMED GLADIOLI.

**Napoleon III**—Produce large spikes of intense large scarlet flowers, each with a clear white throat. For grouping it is one of the very best varieties as the large spikes of well filled flowers are very showy and few Gladioli can compare with this well-known variety for brilliancy of color and handsome markings. Price, 4 for 10 cts., 12 for 25 cts., 60 for \$1.00, postpaid.

**Marie Lemoine**—Beautiful lemon and yellow shades, and bloom 2 or 3 weeks earlier than the other Gladioli. Price, 3 for 10 cts., 12 for 25 cts., postpaid.

## LARGE GLADIOLUS BULBS—Extra Low Price by Express

No flower is easier grown and adorns the garden and lawn as does the Gladiolus, and for decorating churches, halls, stores, offices, etc., there is nothing more attractive, and for this purpose I have a large stock of extra large choice bulbs that I am offering at a very low price by express, all the choicest varieties and finest colors mixed, customers to pay the express charges on receipt of bulbs. 100 \$1.50; 300 \$4.00; 500 \$5.25; 1,000 \$10.00; 3,000 \$25.00. Order 500 or 1,000 of these large bulbs and have the grandest flower bed you ever saw. Any ordinary garden soil is good enough to grow them in.

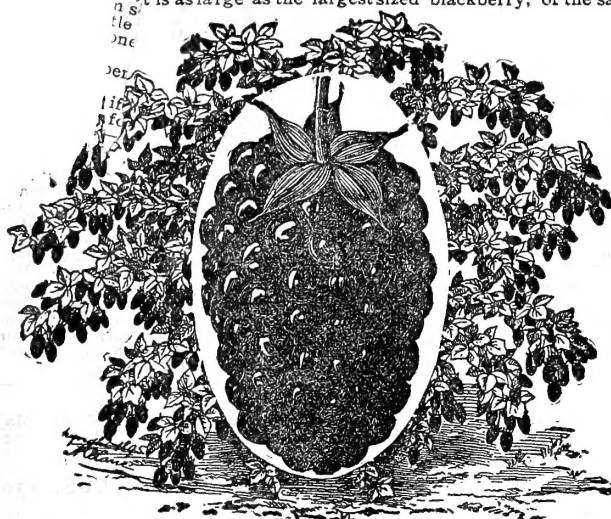


Gladioli in Bloom.

Read the Special Letter Sent with this Catalogue.

# THE FRUIT WORTH PLANTING.

**The Raspberry Blackberry**—This thornless Raspberry Blackberry originated in the cane of the Logan berry grows either unlike the Blackberry or Raspberry. It is an early growing maker making the growth of soft, in one season, of a deep green color, coarse and that is as large as the largest-sized blackberry, of the same form and shape and the color when fully ripe is a dark bright red. It partakes of the flavors of both the blackberry and raspberry, having a very mild pleasant flavor. It is excellent for the table and the seeds are very small and not abundant. The fruit is extremely firm and the vines are enormous bearers. The fruit ripens very early, just after strawberries, and is nearly all ripe and gone before raspberries and blackberries become plentiful. Always sells at highest prices. Vines are rust proof and without objectionable thorns and never attacked by insects, and I believe my customers will find this is the most valuable fruit known. Bears first year from planting. Prices for plants 30c. each, 2 for 50c. postpaid.

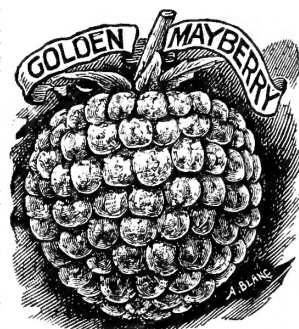


**The Logan Hybrid Berry,**

ing like it in cultivation, and its extreme earliness make it at once the most important of all small fruits. Price for plants 15c. each, 4 for 50c. postpaid.

**Columbian Raspberry**—I am pleased to offer my friends and customers this year a fruit of such superior merits as the

Columbian Raspberry. The engraving here with is an illustration of a bush of the Columbian Raspberry on the original root and was made from a photograph. The plant is a seedling of the



Cuthbert and is believed to be a cross between that and the Gregg Black Cap. It has now been under trial for 10 years and has been tested with most flattering success at State Experiment Stations and by leading Horticulturists in different parts of the country. It has a most vigorous growth, sending up canes 10 to 16 ft. in height and over an inch in diameter. Foliage is heavy and remains in perfection until killed by autumn frosts. It propagates from the tips, never succors from the roots and is perfectly hardy. Fruit is large, often an inch in diameter. Color dark red, bordering on purple, and as to high quality, it is the best red raspberry, making it a most valuable variety for table use and is highly praised by all who have grown it. I have a very nice stock of the plants and can supply my customers at the following prices:—

Good plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00 postpaid.

## SACALINE, THE FARMER'S BEST SUBSTITUTE FOR A HAY CROP.

The experimental stage of this wonderful forage plant is successfully passed and it is now recognized by the best progressive agriculturists of the day as a forage plant to be depended upon whenever and wherever other fodder crops fail. It is not an annual, planted once in the most barren soil it stands forever and luxuriates in spite of flood, fire or constant browsing of cattle.

Farmer's this will meet a long felt want among you for a permanent forage crop and I am prepared to offer you either the seed or first class one year old plants that are in just the right condition for transplanting permanently to some piece of land unsuited for other purposes and hence adapted to this. Better success is generally attained with the plants,

though but few have any trouble in raising them from the seed, which is cheaper. Prices of seed per pkt. 8c.; 3 pkts, 15c.; 6 pks. 25c. Orders for plants received during the winter will be held until spring when these first class plants will be sent you at the following prices: 10c. each; 6 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.; 30 for \$1.00. postpaid. See my Planters' Wholesale Catalogue for special low prices on both seeds and plants.

## SEND FOR A PLANTERS' WHOLESALE CATALOGUE.

Do you or your neighbor want \$5.00 worth? This year I have again issued a Planters' Wholesale Catalogue. It gives the names and prices of everything I sell, and no order from it can be filled for less than \$5.00, on account of the very low prices made. Every person that has any idea of wanting \$5.00 worth or more can get their neighbors to join them and in this way make up a \$5.00 order, should send for this Catalogue without fail. It will save you from 25 to 50 per cent. By packing \$5.00 worth or more all in one box, I can make these low prices, and if you will send for a Catalogue you will at once see that it will be to your advantage to order from it. Do not get your supply elsewhere until you see it, for it is mailed free to anyone by simply requesting it on a postal card. Simply state that you want a "Planters' Wholesale Catalogue" and it will be sent by return mail.

Always Address, **F. B. MILLS, Seedsman, Rose Hill, Onondaga Co., N. Y.**

Mention this Catalogue.

This Catalogue is issued for the first time from my own presses at Rose Hill, N. Y.



**The Strawberry Raspberry.**

This is a dwarf raspberry, entirely distinct. Leaves like the rose, flowers large, snow white, fruits early, first year. Berries are borne upright, well out of the foliage, shaped like the strawberry and the color a brilliant red, perfectly hardy and highly recommended by all who have grown it. It grows from 15 to 18 inches high spreading considerable. They keep well for a long time. They are not only produced in large quantities but frequently throughout the season. As the bush dies down to the ground in the fall, it requires no pegging down or a protection of any kind. Comes up in the spring with renewed vigor. It can be divided or transplanted for rapid propagation. Price for plants 20c. each, 3 for 50c. postpaid.

**The Bismarck Apple**—This is perhaps the most wonderful new apple ever introduced, which originated in New Zealand. It bears the first year after grafting. The fruit is remarkably large, very showy, (bright yellow). It has already been tested in Europe, United States and Canada and wherever grown it has proven a most astonishing revelation of apples in high quality and especially in earliness of fruit. It is also claimed that it is the only apple that will do well in hot countries. It always brings the highest price in market and it will make you a very valuable apple. On account of its beginning to bear while young and owing to its bearing when only a small tree, it is frequently grown in pots simply as an ornament. I would like to have my customers try this fruit. Price 25c. each, 3 for 60c. postpaid.



**Bismarck Apple Tree, 2 years old, in fruit.**

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I Want ONE PERSON in every county in the U. S. and Canada to do a few days' work for me. It is just what anyone would be glad to do and I will pay big salary. It is a splendid offer. Send at once for particulars so you will be sure of the work for your county.





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For Success With the Garden.

#### Diseases of Plants.

It has been but a comparatively few years when one speaking of "plant diseases" would have been open to general ridicule. However, the growth of the newer phases of the science of agriculture and the art of gardening has of late been so rapid yet gradual in its degrees that it is generally accepted that plants both cultivated and wild, like animals, are subject, in nature, to real diseases. Some of these are such as are consequent upon starvation or disproportionate nutrition resulting in abnormal physiological conditions. Thus it may be clearly seen that an excess of heat, moisture, light or of certain chemical food elements, as nitrogen or lime, may result in injuries to, or repression of growth and development which may be looked upon as disease. Likewise a deficiency of any such normal elements of the plant environment may cause equally serious troubles.

Again plants also are subject to really infectious diseases in the same sense as the term infectious is applied to diseases in animal life. In these cases it is often more readily open to prevention or remedial means. Each such disease is usually characteristically marked in its appearance and physiological effects upon the plant attacked, as, for example, rust, smut, mildew, bacterial species, etc. Such diseases, too, are quite often specific or limited in the range of plants which they may attack; that is, may be confined to attack upon but a few or even but one variety of host plant as in case also of certain animal diseases; or, clearly the range of attack may be very extended as to different types of host plants.

Be these differences as to disease features as they may, the whole bearing of the matter with reference to success in the growth of plants, whether for garden or orchard is one which demands clearer insight into the nature of the plant, which is diseased and of the cause of the trouble than is usually assumed necessary. Treatment or method must have its rational foundation in reason based upon facts. These facts I would, in general, define as being those which relate chiefly to environment of the plant diseased, and the physiology of the same in their relations to the cause of disease. These facts clearly in hand upon which to reason, methods of culture and treatment become evident. Much expense is attained in the use of fertilizers through lack of any real thought of what a particular plant or a particular soil really needs. Indeed, often the very opposite substance is used to that in demand, thus practically introducing through ignorance a condition for the advent of disease through disproportionate nutrition.

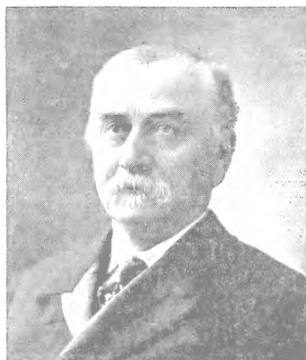
Much spraying and washing is done without proper time, place or purpose, and the desired results are lost. Desirable results can

be obtained only by careful methods based along the lines of thought indicated in the foregoing.

Per request of the managing editor of *SUCCESS WITH THE GARDEN*, I am now and then to offer some suggestions upon plant diseases, and it is my wish at such times to point out with reference to the diseases under consideration those salient points most necessary to have in mind, in order to deal with a certain diseased condition or plant disease. H. L. BOUTLEY, Government Experiment Station, Fargo, N. D.

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Among the many friends in whose interest



those who have opportunity to profitably practice or pursue either.

There are only 41 per cent of the population of the United States in rural life, with 58 per cent, in urban. The Republic is not so well balanced as it would be if the figures were reversed, or if 70 per cent of its citizenship could be found in the country. Up to this time no riots have ever been evolved in the country, but always in city life.

Going further, the Secretary advises that if we have anything to say concerning Arbor Day, mention be also made of a new movement instituted in the celebration of Bird Day. He says in substance, "It has been proposed that a Bird Day be celebrated conjointly with Arbor Day. The object of Bird Day is to teach children, and men and women as well, that the native birds of America are the best and cheapest help which the horticulturist can have about his orchards. The truth is, that an abominable fashion which has been prevalent among the women of the United States, of wearing stuffed birds upon hats, has nearly exterminated some of the prettiest plumed birds known to the United States." — E. O.

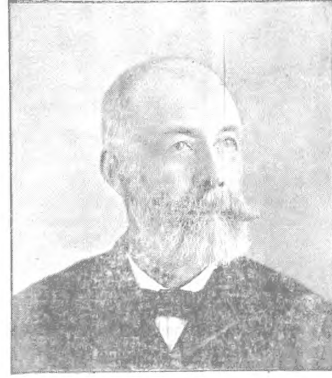
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##### Digging Decayed Potatoes.

So many of my neighbors are wondering if with present prices of potatoes it paid to expend so much labor in digging those where the rot had shown itself very perceptibly. We are all on high ground and but very few potato fields had any wet or low land in them. I can only attribute the rot to a form of blight referred to in the experimental garden department of this paper for April, 1896, viz. Downy Mildew (*Phytophthora infestans*).

This fungus disease began in my field with about such indications as are noted in the article referred to, first, the leaves began to turn yellow and later changed to a dirty brown. Two weeks later and when more than half the tops were dead from the disease I found the first decayed tuber. This confirmed my suspicions that the rot was due to the disease, and as the rot increased I noticed that a dozen rows treated with the Bordeaux mixture for prevention of blight were comparatively free from it, not more than a score of decayed tubers being found in the profits from these rows while I lost fully one third of my crop in the remainder of the field.

But this doesn't answer the question as to whether digging such a crop would pay. Had the rot been the result of some other cause, my excessive moisture or something of that nature, I should have dug them out as early as possible and perhaps have saved a large percentage of them. Coming from this fungus disease, I think the rot is communicated from the tips to the tubers and this being the case, they would have rotted fully as much in storage as in the hill, be sales involving so much extra handling is wrong. B. E. N., Miss.



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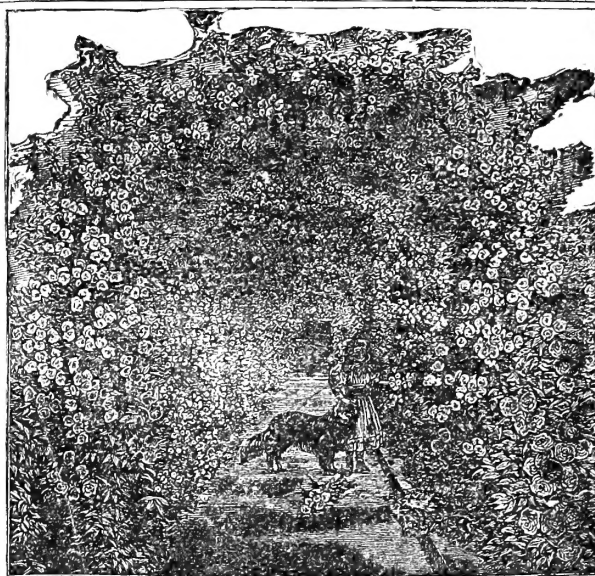
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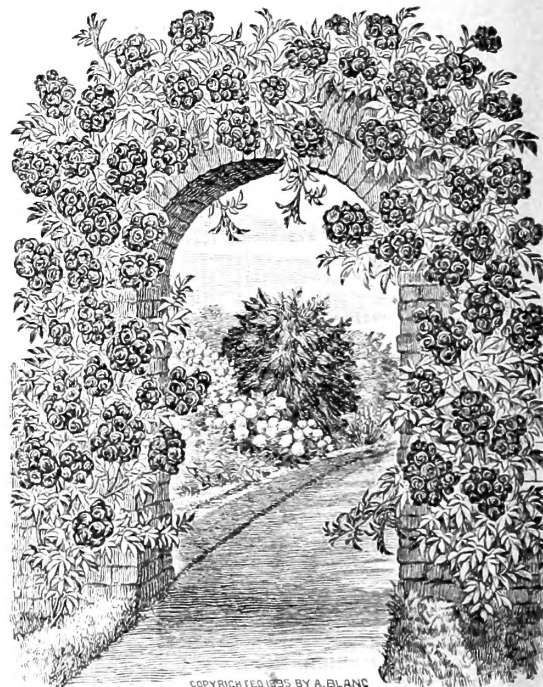
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